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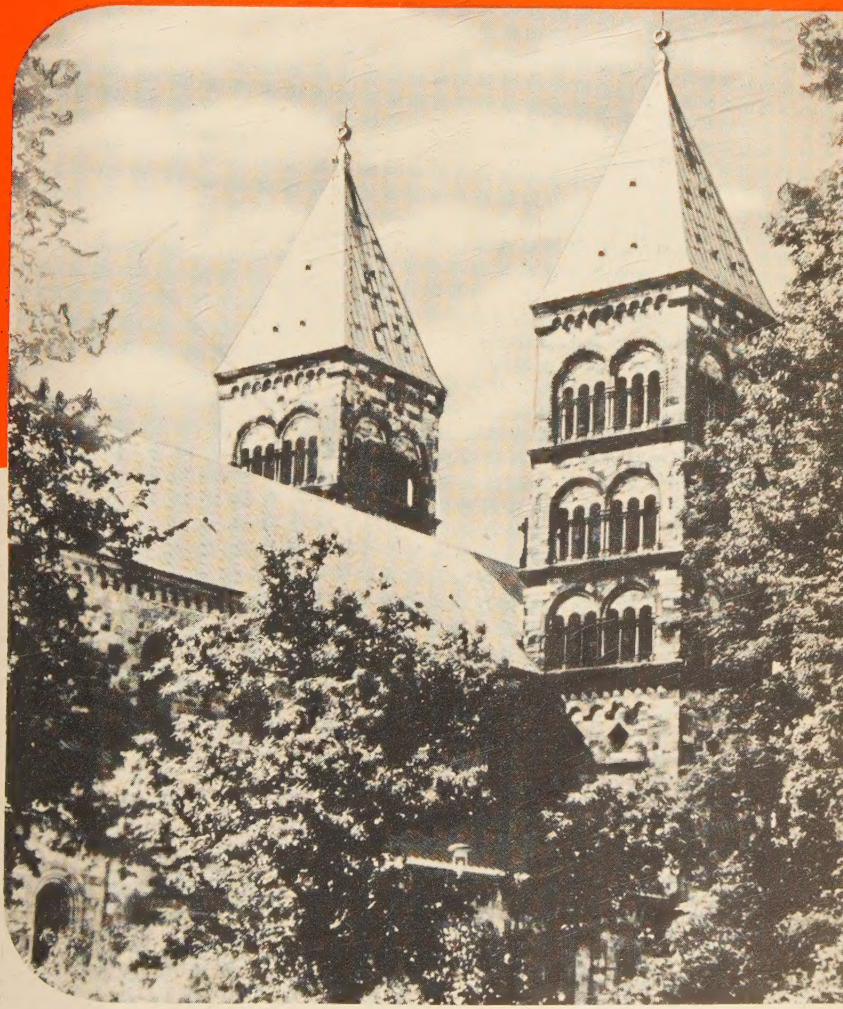

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Above All Else

"EVERYTHING PACKED?"

Last-minute preparations for a vacation trip can be agitating. Dorothy scampered around hurriedly checking for unlocked windows, dribbling faucets and leaking gas. Junior grabbed his fishing implements and went to see that his baseball and bat had not been overlooked. Dad shook his head in a daze while I gathered the camping equipment and finished packing a lunch basket.

We were ready.

"How about books, Mom," Dorothy yelled. "Books to read, I mean."

"Yes," I answered, "bring a few, dear—"

"Bring some comics," Junior added.

"Oh, who wants to read comics!" Dorothy retorted. "Which books shall I bring, Mom?"

"Some novels will do—we really won't have too much time to read."

I FRANTICALLY pulled a few curre from the shelf and a couple of favorite boys' stories.

"Shall we take this, too?"

I turned. Dorothy held the Bib hands.

I had forgotten about our da readings.

"ABOVE ALL ELSE," I answered. think of a better time to read it th surrounded by God's blue sky and I almost forgot—"

Dorothy touched my arm tenderl not like you, Mom," she teased.

And it wasn't! Sometimes when about we can overlook the most i necessity of all—the Bible.

—PHYLLIS H

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Cover Picture. Historic cathedral at Lund, Sweden, is the scene of meeting for the third World Conference on Faith and Order from August 15-28.

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Spotlight on Lund

Like lamps in the dusk, the glow of Protestant activity flared brightly in many European cities this summer. The Willingen missionary conference, the world Lutheran assembly at Hannover, the "Luther Day" spectacle in Berlin, the German "Church Day" at Stuttgart and the third World Conference on Faith and Order at Lund all were noteworthy religious gatherings.

This week the spotlight of interest was on Lund. The Swedish cathedral city was host to 250 delegates representing many of the 158 member churches of the World Council. From Aug. 15-28 they would examine problems that stand in the way of unity between the churches.

Just 25 years earlier, in Lausanne, Switzerland, the first Conference on Faith and Order was held, marking the first time all major branches of the Christian church, except the Roman Catholic, had met together since the historic division between eastern and western churches in 1054. At the second conference Edinburgh in 1937, 43 countries churches were represented.

Who'll be there?

Most Lutheran delegates to t gathering had proceeded there from Hannover. Among them representatives of the ULCA— Schmidt, Dr. Luther D. Reed, D Sittler, Dr. Carl C. Rasmussen T. A. Kantonen. Other Ameri gates represented the Augustan ican and Danish Lutheran also members of the World Cou

Delegates from Iron Curtain although expected, would prob be able to come, leaders felt. C thodox delegates also withdrew conference for "technical reason ever, for the first time, the Ron olic Church will send three "o to the conference. The priests, by the Swedish Roman Cath archy, will not take part in d

REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY NATIONS AT FAITH AND ORDER CONFERE
Delegates at last meeting appeared in variety of native dress

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of professors, pastors and students
n LWF member churches will also
ered, as will translation and pub-
of important church literature.
ight-member LWF Commission on
gy will be appointed to supervise
department. Head of the new de-
nt is a Hungarian now living in
, Dr. Vilmos Vajta.

ns make memorial gift

ly $30,000 was presented to the
at Hannover as a thank-offering
ne churches of Germany in grat-
or help received since the end of
r. In making the presentation,
Hans Meiser, president of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church of
ny, said it was intended as a
al to the late Dr. S. C. Michel-
f Toledo, Ohio, first LWF execu-
retary.
tional funds will be turned over
e said, representing "the good will
German churches, in spite of the

LWF Executive Secretary

Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist, Augustana Church pastor from the U.S.A., who was elected at Hannover for a five-year term to succeed the late Dr. S. C. Michelfelder At the same Executive Committee meeting, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, ULCA president, was elected first vice president

pressing need in Germany, to meet world needs." The funds are to be used for the education of native pastors for South American Lutheran congregations and for international refugee projects.

Encyclopedia to be issued

Publication of a Lutheran World Encyclopedia was unanimously approved at the Hannover Assembly, to serve as an international reference work embracing the entire cycle of Lutheran interests, doctrine and practise.

The LWF executive committee was authorized to get the project under way. It will take about seven years to complete. Contents will include articles on theology, history, biography, church activities, statistics and related subjects.

Two 800-page volumes, containing

nearly 3 million words, are proposed. Cost of producing the manuscript is estimated at about $40,000. It will be published in English and German.

Night in Berlin

An iron curtain had blocked off the thousands of East Germans who wanted to attend the Lutheran World Federation assembly at Hannover. But in Berlin, the only remaining meeting pllace of East and West, the Lutherans of East Germany could gather with brothers from the West.

All the large Evangelical churches of downtown Berlin were crowded on the night of Aug. 4. Preachers from America and Asia as well as half a dozen European countries addressed the eager multitudes.

Through the Brandenburg gate into the Russian sector of Berlin had come Dr. Franklin Clark Fry to preach in the Marienkirche. Every seat in the huge church was taken. People stood as closely together as possible in the aisles, and more hundreds were outside the doors. We are one people in Christ, Dr. Fry said. We are not divided. In the church is our only hope for this world and for eternity. In the church we have unity which cannot be cut apart by any boundaries.

Three European bishops also spoke from the high pulpit. Otto Dibelius of Berlin, Anders Nygren of Sweden, Hans Meiser of Bavaria. Deeply affected, the huge congregation listened attentively to the courageous messages, responded by singing the old hymns of the church.

Church will not retreat

Planes carried more than 200 Lutheran leaders over Soviet Zone territory and into Berlin after the Hannover meeting. There they took part on Aug. 6-8 in a "Luther Day" program. Thousands of East Germans who had been prohibited by their government from attending the LWF Assembly thronged churches for the event.

Hitting at reports that the East government plans to limit churcl strictly to holding religious Superinendent Gerhard Jacobi Berlin declared that the Lu churches in the Soviet Zone w abandon their home mission a welfare activity. "Whoever inte pering the church's charitable will bite on granite" he asserted

Resistance promised

Bishop Meiser said that "any attacks the Lutheran church in will arouse world resistance." Nygren added that the absence German delegates from Hannov sad political chapter."

Boldly East Germans joined leagues from other lands in d freedom for religious activity. mon at the *Sophienkirche* ano German church official, Dean Gruber, echoed Dr. Jacobi's when he stated that the church " offer incense to Caesarist idols. sary, the church will go to pri the pyre, but it will never allo be forced into a ghetto."

Churches use TV

In some areas congregations fectively using television as a spreading the Gospel. A Ch program presented by Hol Church attracted the largest au any religious program in its THE LUTHERAN, *Aug. 6*). Last nouncements were made abou tional TV programs of a religi scheduled to begin this fall.

A 26-week program on film *the Life*, produced by the Misso will be seen on many TV scre

CONNECTICUT VACATION SCHOOL CHILDREN PRESENT TV PROGRAM
ers and scholars learn about a TV camera at New Haven, Conn., where a series gious programs was presented to supplement work of vacation church schools

ne week of Oct. 5. Although the ıri Synod is not a member of the ıal Council of Churches, the depart- of broadcasting and films of that vill aid in wide distribution of the Dr. Ronald Bridges, director of the ment, called the series "by far the ractical presentation of the Chris- aith ever prepared for the new n of television."

t around the life of an average can family, the film series will tize the Christian answer to daily ms of parental responsibility, hon- d marriage.

husband-and-wife show featuring d Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale will seen this fall. Under the general What's Your Trouble?" the pro- will demonstrate how spiritual lling, in conjunction with psy- y, is used to handle human prob- the clinic operated by New York's Marble Collegiate Church of which Dr. Peale is pastor.

New seminary course—TV

In recent years courses in most seminaries have expanded to teach students how to use modern means for mass communication. Instruction in public relations and radio is now widely in vogue.

Next fall the Yale Divinity School will enter a new field, offering an experimental course in religious television. Lectures, seminars and actual laboratory work in New Haven's station WNHC-TV will be included. Students will not take part in regular programs telecast from the station, but will practice in its studios.

Studies undertaken in the course will include ways of communicating the Christian faith through television, audience analysis, program planning, creative writing, and an examination of the use of mass media by opponents of Christianity.

The Bible gets promoted

Year after year the Holy Bible is acclaimed as the world's best-selling book. Millions of copies are distributed annually. It has been translated into every known language or dialect.

Yet promotion planned this fall in the U.S. and Canada makes it seem as if the Bible is a totally unknown book being introduced for the first time.

Major promotional efforts surround the publication of the entire Bible in the Revised Standard Version. Under auspices of the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A. and the Canadian Council of Churches, nearly 4,000 community observances are planned in every major population center in the two countries. Most will be held during Religious Education Week, Sept. 28-Oct. 5.

On Sept. 30, RSV publication date, a committee of churchmen will present a copy to President Truman. At the same time, the U.S. will issue a commemorative postage stamp marking the 500th anniversary of the Gutenberg Bible, first book printed from moveable type.

Since its publication in 1946, the RSV New Testament has sold nearly 3 million copies. The RSV text will be used in the Psalter and devotional sections of the new Joint Hymnal of the Presbyterian and Reformed churches, it was announced last month. Five Presbyterian groups and the Reformed Church in America are jointly preparing the new hymnal. A proposal to use the RSV in the new joint Lutheran hymnal is still under consideration.

King James, too

Not only the new RSV, but also the long-standard King James Version will profit from promotional efforts. Most Bible societies, which account for the largest number of Bible copies distributed, publish only the King James Version.

Another Bible publisher, Oxfor
sity Press, will spend $60,000 th
a national advertising campaig
editions of the King James Ver

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250,000 slated to be sent out

Catholic paper deplores gadge

Last month a Minnesota Rom
olic manufacturer announced
matic device to keep track
prayers. Last week such "relig
gets" were criticized by the Indi
olic and Record in a satirical e

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talent for invention has begun
with deplorable results," the p
"The rosary clicker is as yet a
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Salaries hiked for English clerg

Low income of Anglican cler
been a matter of concern to th

land for several years. A campaign
g carried on to inform church
rs of the plight of their ministers.
Church Commissioners, Anglican
al agency, reported that last year
ntry's 12,240 curates had an aver-
ome of less than $25 per week af-
ment of necessary operating ex-
One reason for this low figure is
any parishes provide a "living" of
acres from which the curate's in-
s to come. Exhaustion of the land
anging economic conditions have
d this "living" in many cases.
Canterbury Diocesan Conference
) pounds net (about $1,400) as a
um salary for its clergy. It also
i parishes that they should "nor-
be expected to pay the cost of
ing dilapidations" of parsonages.

And so forth

An air-conditioned room in a restaurant at New York's Idlewild airport becomes a Roman Catholic chapel each Sunday morning at 7:15 as mass is said for air passengers and workers. It is believed to be the first such chapel at an airport.

Merchants of Greensboro, North Carolina, have asked the city's ministers to meet with them to co-ordinate plans for the Christmas shopping season. Efforts will be made to have the annual Christmas parade emphasize religious rather than commercial aspects.

First Mormon temple in Europe will soon be erected in Berne, Switzerland. About 40,000 adherents of the Mormon faith live in Europe, half of them in Germany or Switzerland.

RELIGIOUS MEETING AT OLYMPIC GAMES

ev. "Bob" Richards (center), U.S.A.'s Olympic pole-vaulting champion, es an outdoor service held as part of an extensive church-sponsored program d in connection with the international games at Helsinki, Finland, this month

World News Notes

SETTLEMENT OF THE steel strike has insured a high level of industrial activity in the U.S. for the rest of the year. There's still threat of a coal strike in fall, but if this follows the usual pattern it will remain uncertain until last-minute deadlines are reached. Peak expenditures by the government for defense purposes are scheduled for the third and fourth quarters of the year.

Personal income of the people of the U.S. is expected to reach a total of $260 billion. Taxes will also be at a record or near-record figure.

Economic prophets are straining their eyes trying to peer into the future to discover what will happen next. Results of the November presidential election will play some part in the trend. The candidate who wins and the party that comes into power will have puzzling problems. The situation is vastly different from that of 1932, when the Democratic party assumed the control it has held since. Conditions resemble more closely those which faced Herbert Hoover in 1929.

Economic balance

During its 20 years in power, the Democratic party has maintained an economic balance by various means. When prices declined, government spending or subsidies were utilized to keep them at an even keel. If commodity prices threatened to drop, regulations adjusted the situation or government purchases mopped up the surplus.

Potatoes are a well-known example. Overproduction threatened to cut prices, with resultant loss and possible ruin for farmers. The government bought huge quantities, destroyed them, then ordered cutbacks in the amount of acreage planted, with subsidies still keepi income high. Only one of ma programs, this came sharply t notice last spring when a "potato resulted from insufficient product

The policy pursued by the De administrations has helped to a rious depression or unemployme economists question whether it continued indefinitely, since m debt and the inevitable restric freedom have a bad effect in the l

But the political prophets ar asking, "What would a Republ ministration do for an econom if it came into office? How woul dle the problems?" To drop abruptly and cut government might be an invitation to a depr serious as that which paralyzed t try two decades ago. Governm gotten deeply into the business get out suddenly would cause change in our economy.

British example

England gives us an example might happen. The Conservativ the Laborites from office, inh great mass of social reforms, the Labor party in England ha power only a short time. Whil vatives inaugurated some chang gains and economic security of number of the people have not duced or removed.

In the heat of the political there's not likely to be much c soning. But it will be of real va American people if somewhere line economic experts of bo parties explain just what they pl if they win in November.

DECENT HOME and a suitable living nment for every American family" goal of U.S. housing policy, as in the Housing Act of 1949. It has he job of the Housing and Home e Agency (HHFA) to translate this omes for real people. This is a r job than most of us realize.

ator Paul Douglas has called our ums one of the worst blots on the can scene. But when HHFA sets program for replacing slum dwell- ith decent homes, it runs into ob- . Those who own and profit by the are reluctant to have them torn Some real estate interests resist the ng of low-cost housing projects to eir place. Residents in other parts community object to the resettling occupants of the slums in the "bet- ctions.

ng for Negroes

se problems are made more acute question of where and how Ne- shall live. The pattern of segrega- many cities sets the limits beyond it is difficult for a Negro family to r rent a home. These "colored sec- are often the very parts of the city need slum clearance.

question often arises: Where shall families go? Can they find places to r buy within their income? If not, hey be settled in low-cost housing ts? Shall these be inter-racial, or here be separate projects for Ne- nily units?

mond Foley, HHFA administrator, recently before the National Com- against Discrimination in Housing. ld them that there has been real ss in the past few years in helping Negro families to find suitable homes.

One of the forward steps has been to persuade many private builders and lenders that Negroes can be good credit risks. Convincing statistics in HHFA files have helped make it possible for responsible Negro families to buy homes on long-term financing.

In low-cost projects, the local housing agency determines whether the races shall be segregated. In 1942, there were only 21 non-segregated public housing projects. Ten years later, there are over 200. Tensions have not been as serious as had been expected.

Co-operative housing

Under the pressure of the need for homes at reasonable cost, a number of co-operative projects have been developed. Prospective owners pool their resources and cut costs by buying or building jointly, with long-term credit guaranteed by the federal government. Actual loans are usually made locally.

Some of these co-operative projects consist of groups of single-family houses. Others are large apartment buildings, operated jointly by the owners. In Omaha, a 12-story building is occupied by teachers in the city schools.

Foes of the public housing program almost succeeded in wrecking it at this session of Congress. The House voted to limit projects started in the low-cost field to a nominal 5,000. The Senate placed it at 50,000, a bare minimum to meet the most urgent needs. After a bitter fight just before adjournment, a compromise figure of 35,000 was agreed on. This slows to a walk the progress toward America's housing goal.

—ROBERT E. VAN DEUSEN

LUTHERANS ARE NOT DIVIDED

By G. ELSON RUFF

Astonishing unity of world's largest Protestant cor
was in evidence during the recent LWF Assembly in G

BY SHIP AND PLANE a thousand Americans were homeward bound this month after 10 days of the Lutheran World Federation Assembly at Hannover, Germany. Most of them would be glad to leave behind the slow-paced ways of the Old World—where it usually takes an hour and a half to get a fairly simple meal, and you struggle with the various varieties of *Rinderbraten* and *Spiegeleier* in search of something that tastes familiar. Also the Americans will be grateful for the simple pleasure of a glass of cold water.

But as time stretches out, the importance of these days in Germany will be felt keenly. Since Luther nailed up his famous paper on the church door in 1517, nothing like this had happened. A company of Lutherans met in an immense assembly which demonstrated the astonishing unity of the world's largest and most widespread Protestant communion.

THERE WERE FEW MOMENTS that could be called breath-taking. It was a sober and solemn affair, and much of it was dull. Long papers were read each morning in the Dome Room of the City Hall, usually in German, with translations into English and Swedish coming to delegates by the IBM equipment. But delegates already had on their desks the complete text of the papers being read. The papers were impressive, sometimes brilliant statements by some of the greatest Lutheran scholars. But hearing them slowly read and translated was not thrilling.

After each paper, a few delegates chosen in advance would con platform to make fairly brief c After a 10-minute stretch, whic spread out to 20 or 30 minutes gram continued with some bu fairs of the Federation. In suc assembly these matters could n bated and votes were always un

FROM 3:30 to 6, on six afterr assembly split into six sections of the subjects on the program. were 500 or more in each sec most of the time was taken by papers which had to be transla sentences at a time. There chance for clear-cut discussion ually an editorial committee in tion worked out a statement re the main ideas that had been These were presented to the sembly in the final sessions.

Each evening, there was a pu ing on such themes as foreign social missions. Each of th crowds that overflowed the meet filled a second large auditori some people obliged to take re third room. Speakers worked in the first and second rooms third room (for Americans) g addresses by wire in translatio

Much was said in these meeti is worth publication, and will this paper. But no report can c life and color of the assembly, th encounter of thousands of peopl lands, the amazingly eager effo

ns to take their visitors into their their hearts. Beginning July 30 ıther Week" for German laity drew ing thousands (who ate their sand- and soup at noon in the immense restaurant, and were dressed in ab, antiquated garb as Americans ng forgotten).

RE WAS A CONTINUOUS succession ices of worship, beginning with each day and closing with Com- t 9:45 P.M. Germans know their s, and sing them strongly and at a empo than German congregations U.S. Choirs of Hannover and the s Church choir of Leipzig (Bach's) sang on several evenings in the churches. Plays were presented, s the Cismar mystery play, "The n Glutton." More than 500 at- Manfred Hausmann's reading of try. A dozen films were presented, "The Night Watch," and "They e Comforted." Art exhibits and isplays were open throughout the ly in various parts of the city.

uch extensive and impressive Lu- event could take place anywhere Germany, and perhaps nowhere in Germany except Hannover, Lutheranism is the deeply rooted a great majority of the people. nd the scenes there was a great hard work done by the Federa- fficers and executive committee in foundations for continued world ation. In this the Americans took ip. Dr. Fredrik Schiotz reported ssembly on the slowly advancing nation of foreign missions. Dr. Herman reviewed the program ttling refugees. Dr. Paul Empie ed the whole task of Lutheran Action. Others besides Americans

DURING THE OPENING SERVICE
Hannover's Marktkirche was beautifully restored just in time for the candlelight celebration of the Holy Communion

are increasing their understanding and financial support of these projects.

American delegates had a special Lutheran World Action evening when such men as Johannes Doering of Jerusalem and Paido Sarumpaet of Indonesia told of the effect of U.S. dollars in their situations. Dr. H. H. Krimm of the German relief organization *Hilfswerk* gave a close-

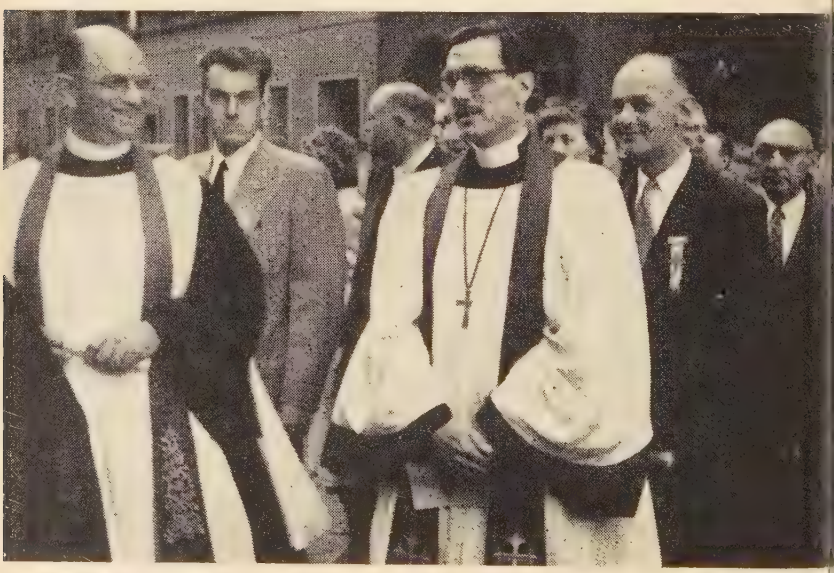
up picture of the continuing problems of the refugees.

A GOOD MANY DELEGATES went off on one-day tours of refugee camps near Hannover. Although the war damage is being steadily erased, and in another five years may be scarcely noticeable, the human wreckage of World War II is still evident. New refugees still pour over the border from East Germany.

A half-dozen delegates who got much more than their share of attention were the men from Hungary, especially the dark-complected, keen-eyed Laszlo Deszery who took Lajos Ordass' place as bishop of Budapest. These men were determined to be friendly, and thought the Federation should have room in it for Christians who have made peace with Russian communism. They carefully avoided statements on politics. They got a few sharp rebuffs from spokesmen of the western world, who wished to make clear that they do not condone moval of Lajos Ordass from lead the church.

The chief motive of the Hu seemed to be to secure world ap the "legitimate leaders of their They are the first to come to te the social revolution, they said, w expect will eventually extend th the world. What they have alre others must do later.

They did not deny (in privat sation) that Communists are er Christianity. But Communists smart to drive the church und they asserted. By coming to te the Communists, the church has to continue its work. (Bishop told the editor of THE LUTHERA is not a Communist, and said tian pastor would be admitted membership. Also the Hungaria Lajos Veto quoted extensively article by Stewart Herman in



AMERICANS WHO TOOK PART IN OPENING CEREMONIES
Dr. John Schmidt and Dr. Stewart W. Herman

N in his public address explaining uation of his church.)

T OF THE Lutheran program in any, after the close of the Hannover ly, was a four-day gathering in Ber- which many thousands of East Zone nts flocked. It might be their last e to associate with churchmen from est, they felt. Dr. Franklin Clark as the preacher in the Mariankirche st Berlin at a colossal service on . People filled many of the churches of West and East Berlin during the sessions.

There hung over the days in Hannover and Berlin something of the spirit of farewell, as though Christian friends are being separated for years to come. But majority sentiment among Germans seemed to be that the price must be paid, and their country must take its place firmly on the side of the Western nations. But in their increasing isolation they wish to be assured that their brothers think of them and pray for them constantly.

hop Lilje Heads World Lutherans

Dr. Fry and Judge Henninger are named to Executive Committee as World Federation plans next assembly in the United States

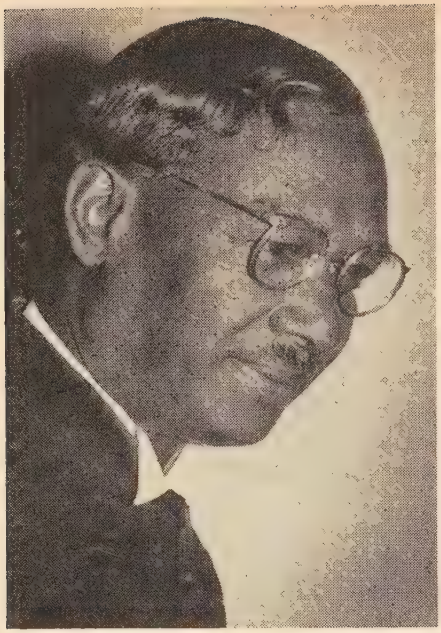
HOP HANNS LILJE, 53-year-old of the Evangelical Church of Han- was elected president of the Lu- World Federation, receiving 154 173 votes cast by the delegates at ver. A leading figure in German life, Bishop Lilje was arrested in by the Nazis in the round-up of azis that followed the unsuccessful attempt on the life of Adolf Hitler nich.

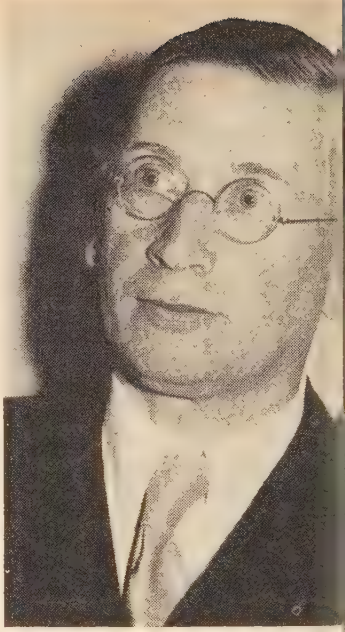
of his experiences in prison came ok *The Valley of the Shadow*, pub- several years ago by the Muhlen- ress.

rch bells throughout Hannover be- ring as Bishop Anders Nygren over his office as leader of the 60 million Lutherans to the new nt in a solemn ceremony. Bishop ill serve until the next assembly in which will be held in the United if world conditions permit.

lected to the executive com- were Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, U.S.A.; Bishop Niklot Beste of the Church of Mecklenburg in Germany's East Zone, one of the few church leaders from behind the Iron Curtain who attended the assembly; Charles Delbruck, industrialist and lay president of the Lutheran Church of France; Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, ULCA president; Bishop Hans Meiser of the Church of Bavaria and president of the United Lutheran Church of Germany; Bishop Johannes Smemo of Oslo, Primate of the Church of Norway; Prof. Ernst Sommerlath of the University of Leipzig; and Prof. Osmo A. Tiilila of the Church of Finland.

ALSO NAMED WERE Dr. Oscar A. Benson, president of the Augustana Church, U.S.A.; Dr. Herman Dohms, president of the Rio Grande Synod, Brazil; the Rev. Aberly N. Gopal, president of the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, India; Bishop Gerhard May of the Evangelical Church of Austria; Bishop Elis Malmes-





RETIRING AND NEW MEMBERS OF LWF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Joel Lakra, president of the Gossner Church in India, whose term expired

Bishop Niklot Beste of Meckl leader in East Germany

trom of the Church of Sweden; Prof. Regin Prenter of the Church of Denmark; and Dr. Henry F. Schuh, president of the American Lutheran Church, U.S.A.

EARLIER, A CONSTITUTIONAL amendment was approved to enlarge the executive committee from 16 to 20 members. To fill the four additional places when the amendment takes effect next year the assembly nominated Sister Eva B. Lyngby of the Church of Denmark, first woman ever named to the committee; Judge James F. Henninger, ULCA member who is a judge in Allentown, Pennsylvania; Dr. Johannes P. Van Heest and Rudolf Weeber of the Church of Wurttemberg.

In accordance with another constitutional amendment adopted by the assembly, the executive committee will name three of its members, inste as vice presidents.

Retiring from the committe tion to Dr. Nygren are Dr. A Wentz of Gettysburg, Pennsyl Bishop Lajos Ordass of Hung vice presidents. Other retiring are Dr. Petrus O. Bersell, presic itus of the Augustana Church; A Teodor Grunbergs of Latvia; Joel Lakra, president of the Church in India; and Dr. A Jorgensen of Denmark.

Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz was honorary member of the Execu mittee at the final session. Th similarly honored were Bisho and Dr. Erling Eidem of Sw Bishop Lajos Ordass, former h Hungarian Church.

ıere Do Church and State Meet?

Lutherans must decide to what extent they should take part in political life, Norwegian Bishop Berggrav tells world assembly

RE DO LUTHERANS draw the line
n proper obedience to those in au-
and reprehensible, unbiblical, slav-
mission? This is one basic question
Lutherans of today, according to
Eivind Berggrav of Oslo, former
e of Norway.

r questions, according to the
are, "Is it possible to harmonize
odern welfare state with Lutheran
g concerning the two kingdoms?
should be the church's attitude to-
ıe welfare state?"

Norwegian churchman, who was a
of his nation's resistance against
ızis in World War II, discussed
uestions in an address before 2,500
Lutheran World Federation As-
and urged all Christians to take an
part in political life to "keep from
useless and dead members of so-

LARING THAT THE CHURCH "more
er before needs men of clear vision
tute mind," the bishop urged all
an church bodies to create com-
s to deal with specific problems
in church and state relations.

ever, he warned that while in-
l Christians may join to form po-
arties, the church must not identify
vith any such party, nor allow
by any party that such an alliance
He cautioned clergymen to exer-
ecial vigilance" when engaging in
l activities as private citizens.

rding to the Norwegian bishop,
positively frightful misrepresenta-
Lutheran doctrine that "wild con-
querors" and "despotic revolutionists" should be acknowledged as God-appointed rulers as soon as they have "come into possession of power."

Lutheran teaching concerning church and state relations presupposes a lawful state, he said, and therefore "government must be judged by its origin, its practice, and especially its lawfulness."

Furthermore, the bishop stressed, Lutheran teaching implies that "we ought not to make demands upon the secular power which could not be fulfilled unless it were an ideal Christian state."

A GOVERNMENT still remains government in the rightful sense of the word even if it commits an error, he went on, explaining that "The church does not compromise when it declares that Christians must tolerate many things which are not Christian, and that they must perform some functions which do not agree with the ideals set forth in the Gospel."

The church, according to Bishop Berggrav, "has the duty, not only passively to tolerate, but also actively to co-operate with the government even when it has committed an error, and to promote a sense of loyalty."

However, there are instances when co-operation becomes impossible without violating conscience and allegiance to God, the former Norwegian resistance leader emphasized. Translating Luther's views into modern terminology, he said that in such situations the Reformer called for "active resistance."

While the church must not organize or conduct revolutions, "even against ty-

rants," he continued, it has "the sacred duty, come what may, fearlessly to proclaim to the unjust ruler the unvarnished truth set forth in the Gospel and the Law."

LUTHER MADE a distinction between the church and Christian citizens, he said. What the church as such is forbidden to do, Luther laid upon the citizens as a duty.

Bishop Berggrav declared, "It must be assumed that the Christian citizen has the right and the duty to make decisions for himself and that he is in duty bound to pass judgment upon the legality of the orders which his government issues. He cannot evade on the pretext that he is not responsible for secular affairs. Nothing is 'secular' to the Christian conscience."

Stressing that these statements pertained to "abnormal" conditions rather than to normal life, Bishop Berggrav added, "The hour may come when a Christian must ask himself—before God and the collective conscience of the church—whether he should not offer active resistance."

Explaining freedom of religion, in the Lutheran view, as freedom to be for the Gospel or against it, the speaker "When the government itself enemies of the Gospel, then it i do battle."

"IT IS TIME TO FIGHT also wh in authority of a given state at 'harness' the power of the church own political ends. It is time to because it is an encroachment vitality necessary for freedon Gospel."

Bishop Berggrav observed th tically universal trend toward a tion of the law state and the state," stressing that the latter i secular, does not in any way ack God as the Lord of all life, and the right of entering all spheres life."

This raises the problem "wh Lutheran doctrine of the two kin spiritual and secular—may b tained."

He expressed doubt that th could fulfill its responsibilities i uation "merely by finding fault new type of state," and urged th to exert a positive, helpful inf prevent the development of a c

BLACK-ROBED GERMAN CHURCHMEN LEAD PROCESSION INTO CHURC
Thousands lined the streets of Hannover to watch

ATTENTIVE LISTENERS DURING THE FEDERATION'S MEETING

Hans Meiser, president of the United Lutheran Church in Germany, and Bishop n of Sweden, LWF president, pay attention to Bishop Berggrav's address

state "which ascribes to the state es it has no right to assume."

URGED "FRANKLY to warn our against the prevailing tendency to- statism,' toward arrogance and pre- uousness in government, and also t the ever-present tendency toward rianism."

vever, the bishop stated that "In tion from the police state, it is still le in the welfare state to exert con- ble influence by means of a well- ied public opinion," and he out- legitimate demands" which he said urch may direct to the "welfare

se demands, "which will be met t the slightest difficulty by our n democracies," are:

The church must demand undi- ed freedom to proclaim the Word d and to exercise Christian love in of men. The church dare not be d with the assurance that freedom of worship is guaranteed. An attempt by the state to sterilize the social welfare work of the church would be a frontal attack upon freedom of the Gospel.

2. The church must not allow itself to be exploited by the state for political purposes. The church must not become the tool of power politics.

3. The right to determine the education of the children belongs to parents. The free time of children and youth must not be monopolized by state agencies.

4. The state must force nothing upon anyone, whether child or adult, that is contradictory to God's clear commandments. A state which arrogates to itself the right to determine what is good and what is evil, must logically think of itself as an institute of salvation—and this is equivalent to deification of the state. Christians must be allowed to have their own religious convictions. This is a basic right of man, even in states where practising Christians form a minority of the population.

Lutherans on Canada's Plains

By GEORGE B. AMMON

Pioneer pastors and settlers are building the c
the sparsely settled wheat lands of Western

ON YOUR MAP WESTERN CANADA stretches for great distances toward the Arctic Circle and the Pacific Ocean. Sometimes the little villages are 100 miles apart. Big cities are rare.

What is it like among the pioneers who live in those "wide open spaces"? What's going on in our United Lutheran Church in Western Canada?

A month-long visit to that area in the company of Miss Eleanore L. Gillstrom, a native western Canadian who's serving as educational missionary for our Board of Parish Education, helped me to find at first hand some answers to that question.

Our Lutheran Church in Western Canada is primarily rural with several streams of Lutheranism flowing side by side. The great majority is of second-generation German stock, with a strong minority of Icelanders and a sprinkling of Finns. Ten of the 126 congregations of our ULC are in the larger cities of Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon and Edmonton.

WE VISITED 21 churches in the Western Canada and Icelandic synods, eating in the homes of pastors and people, shaking hands with strong sons of prairie wheat farmers, singing the hymns of the church in German and English (we did not know Icelandic) and speaking with our 1,000 Sunday school teachers, parents and Christian lay persons about the Bible in daily living.

LANDMARK IN EVERY VILL
Grain elevators can be seen fc

This is the land of the "Bab a recent social welfare pho whereby the federal governm each family a monthly allowanc child up to 16. The lowest am for children under 6, and the h for children age 12 to 16.

Western Canada is a land farms, average size about 320 mostly planted in wheat. Man have experienced both tragic l ing drought and the pleasure c crops in recent years. Churc and faithful pastors told us Christian courage in the face

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and crushing burdens in the 30's
at prices sank to all-time lows.
little village can be seen for miles
rain elevators, where thousands of
of wheat are stored preliminary
ment to the mills of the world.
's in a good year have had 50
of wheat to the acre. Normal is
25 bushels.

E IS A LAND, ALSO, of small wooden
es with home-made altars. Some
hout electricity and many without
nts. We noticed that several
es had been moved from country
to the villages and placed on base-
oundations. Villages have strange-
ng names like Patience, Esk, New
d, Manyberries, Beausejour.
ors are hard-working soldiers of
who endure long winters with tem-
es dipping to 60 degrees below
Last year was mild, they said—only
w! It is not uncommon for pastors
e four to seven churches in their
s! That would not be so bad, but
to the many churches is over the

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHOLARS
One came 23 miles

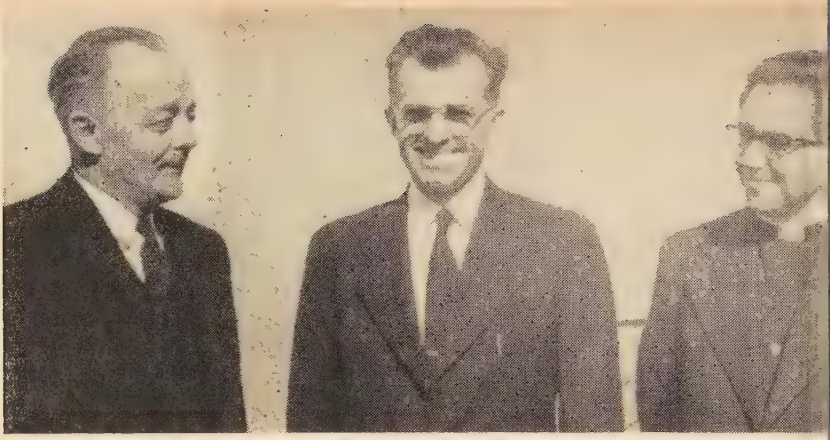
VILLAGE CHURCH
Zion at Bashaw, Alberta

ever-present endless gravel roads, rutted with heavy rains or dusty in summer heat.

Over these roads for 60 years now, pioneering pastors have used horses, sleighs, jeeps and cars in the wearying and yet glorious work of preaching, teaching and ministering the gospel at more than 150 places.

ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING things about the church in Western Canada is the Saturday school. Many pastors use three and four hours of each Saturday during the year to teach the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism to children aged 6-14.

Mission festivals, in which pastors exchange pulpits on summer Sundays, attract large crowds. Here the people see a more complete picture of our ULC home and foreign mission work. They gather



PASTOR AMMON (*center*) AND CANADIAN FRIENDS
Pastors Karl W. Freitag of Bashaw (left) and F. Rehn of Barrhea

from miles for an all-day program.

In Regina I saw the new mission church which has just been dedicated. The Rev. Heinz Dahle is the pastor. We also saw the new addition to the church which is being erected by Trinity congregation in Edmonton, boom town of Canada's mushrooming oil and natural gas empire. Here the population has increased from 85,000 to 170,000 in the past 10 years. A new church of the Icelandic Synod was dedicated in Cavalier, North Dakota, during our trip.

I WAS ENCOURAGED to see some congregations beginning a program of leadership education. Miss Gillstrom has sparked a genuine interest in this important phase of the life of the church by her visits in congregations, teaching of leadership classes and the program of summer camps for parish workers.

Four lakeside summer camps are conducted by the ULC synods on this territory. These, in addition to one on the campus of our Lutheran College and Seminary, serve many eager children and youth. Each year a staff secretary of the Parish Board teaches in these camps.

Twelve hundred children are
the rapidly growing "Sunday S
Mail" which Miss Gillstrom dir
her offices at the Lutheran Ser
Saskatoon. This work is seven
and reaches scholars in Western
Alaska, India, Wyoming and N
kota, with prepared lessons.

MORE EUROPEANS are settling
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and is in prospect at the Lake
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ey Make the Gospel Live

YNNE C. BOLIEK

Social missions program in Columbia, South Carolina, enlists the efforts of members of fourteen ULCA congregations

ITH IN ACTION" and "the Bible in living" are both in evidence with ning extra thrown in through the being done by the Lutheran Social ns Society of Greater Columbia, Carolina. Sparking the program is nergetic little deaconess, Sister n Shirley, the only full-time worker. the field marshal who directs the of scores of workers from the 14 ring congregations and the Lu- Theological Southern Seminary.

ministry provides visits to 21 in- ons for services of worship, distri- of literature, entertainment and ship. More than 1,100 persons are reached each week through this program, with the entire cost met by the contributions of the co-operating congregations and some special gifts from individuals.

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK and worship is conducted in three institutions. At Ridgewood T.B. Sanitorium lessons are taught to the 50 patients each Thursday evening. In the summer months this is done by volunteer workers. During the school year it's carried on by the junior class of the seminary. At South Carolina State Sanitorium, each Sunday morning in the chapel and through the public address system all patients, visitors and nurses are reached with a Gospel mes-

SISTER MIRIAM TEACHES A CLASS
Fourteen congregations help

COOKIE PARADE
Patients at the State Hospital are remembered

sage. At this Sunday school 248 persons study their lesson regularly the week before in preparation for the Sunday discussion! What pastor or Sunday school superintendent can find so many members making advance preparation?

Worship services are held regularly at five other institutions. At one, the South Carolina Industrial School, the Luther Leagues of the Central Conference conduct the program on the first Sunday of each month, with special services at Christmas and Easter.

TWICE MONTHLY the Luther Leagues also conduct a recreational program at the Girls' Industrial School. The superintendent says, "The Luther Leagues in and around Columbia have brought to us not only a diversified program, but have brought themselves—boys and add much to living here." Parti and other recreational programs sored by some of the congre the other homes.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL is for two weeks at the Carolin Home, an independent institut Shepherd, St. Paul's and churches aid the deaconess in the school, which has 100 pe tendance of the children at the H the 14 sponsoring churches a viding the refreshments served

New work now in progress organizing "Golden Age Clubs aging persons of the various p

One of the unusual "extras" nual "Cookie Parade" for the theran patients in the State H which each person at Valent receives a box of home-made co

Dr. Boliek is pastor of Reformation Church, Columbia, South Carolina.

SERVICE AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
Luther Leaguers conduct the program

ıtine. Many notes of appreciation been received for this thoughtful brance of those often forgotten.
r Miriam constantly attends to ncy needs and visits to hospitals, making about 200 calls each week. Her efforts plus the assistance of willing members from the congregations of the area have produced a noteworthy social missions effort.

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AND THEY BOWED THEIR HEADS

MRS. CELESTINE SIBLEY of the Atlanta *Constitution* told in a recent column a prize-winning true story of her family. One morning the family got a late start. For fear of the children being late for school and she late for work, she took her three children to a neighborhood restaurant for a hasty breakfast.

The restaurant was too filled for the entire family to sit together. They had to take separate seats at the counter.

When eight-year-old Mary, who was seated at the end of the row, was served, she called to her mother, "Mommy, don't people ask the blessing in this place?"

Before her embarrassed mother could reply, the waiter answered, "Yes, we do, sister. You say it."

Mary bowed her head and prayed, "God is great and God is good. Let us thank Him for our food." With Mary all in the dining room bowed their heads. —JOHN R. BROKHOFF

TREMENDOUS POWER for meeting all the real needs of mankind can be released when we let go, and let God! —GLENN CLARK

The Pastor Makes a Call

By ROBERT BARKLEY

He was like a sower planting seed, the pastor thoug some of the soil was in need of a great deal of cul

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER and the seed kept coming into Pastor Sawan's mind all afternoon as he went about making calls on his parishioners. Perhaps it was because as he left his office he'd glanced up at the stained glass window in the church which illustrated that scene.

"I'm a farmer sowing seed," he thought to himself. "I hope some of it grows well."

The thought came back to him again as he sat in the pleasantly furnished living room of the Dorn home, exchanging pleasantries with Mr. Dorn. As quickly as possible he got to the main purpose of his call.

"I note, here on our card," the pastor began, "that we have your youngster in our church school, and that he's about ready for confirmation instruction. He's a nice kid. We're glad to have him in our care. The church is an important part of a youngster's life, in these formative years. Don't you think so?"

DORN, ALREADY alerted to an awareness of what was coming and hastily preparing his defense mechanisms, cautiously replied, "Oh, yes, we want Johnny to go to Sunday school. He goes every Sunday—and he hears from me if he starts kicking about it. When I was a kid, my parents made me go. Haven't been to church, now, in a good many years—you know, busy with too many things. Week-ends is all the time I have to do things around the house, and I'm pretty tired days. We usually get to bed late nights. You know how it goes!"

Pastor Sawan knew, all ri thought to himself, "They all accord began to make excuse." swers he had heard repeatedly, the years of his pastoral endeav deeply imbedded in his underst he guessed he had heard them matter of fact, he had listened "excuses" than "commitments."

"DO YOU HAVE MEMBERSHI church?" he asked.

"Well, I don't know whether considered members any longer used to go to Faith Church—up Casper St. Believe it was what th a Disciples' church, or somethin

"But you did go at one time?" tor insisted.

"To tell you the truth," Dorn "I got washed up with the churc the depression. In those days, it w tough trying to make a dollar. I church then, but all I heard much the church was in debt. down to hear the gospel—an nothing but 'money, money, mo I ever learned was how much m church needed. I got fed up!"

The shepherd had heard such from lost sheep before. He reca a man had once said "A relig comes in only at an emergenc religion at all." He was well av religion had become, for many

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e, or a balcony on the outside of uilding—to be used only for emer- es and for watching parades. But ing his major purpose, Pastor Sawan on with the questioning.

nings are better now, aren't they?" h, sure," Dorn pridefully replied. 00 a month is not unusual these With my experience, I believe I nake $100,000 a year."

E SOWER KNEW now the nature of il. Not only rocky, but—where there ny good ground—good seed would ly be choked. Nonetheless—"where is life, there's hope," he reminded lf.

et me ask you then, Mr. Dorn—now nings are going along so well—where the church stand? You know that eed the church. And I know that unhappy, all wrapped up in your- And your wife is unhappy, too. home life is pretty well shattered. e got material things, sure—and the has been good to you, in many But one thing is lacking, Dorn— e me!—and you need it terribly. 'll come back to the church, we'll help you to find it."

rn was taken back a bit. And, al- h admission that he knew what the meant was written all over his red- countenance, he steadfastly main- his pride and continued his line of efense. "Well, Pastor, to be frank you, I've gotten along pretty well ut the church. Don't misunderstand like to have the church around— s I say, my kid will hear from me if he doesn't go. Guess I'm a hard nut to crack, eh, Reverend?" He laughed heartily.

The seed needed deeper planting. Pastor Sawan placed his hands on Dorn's shoulders.

"My friend, let me say something to you straight from the shoulder! You know you don't mean what you're saying to me. The church is important for you! Not only for your kid—but for you! Remember what Jesus said? The longer I live, the more surely convinced I have become that His words have in them life's real secret for you and me. 'What does it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' Dorn, you're finding a thousand and one excuses for your neglect of the most important message there is, and you know it. You know that you're lost. You want to make $100,000 this year and I hope you do. But believe me when I tell you neither seeking it nor finding it will satisfy your real needs.

"YOU'RE CYNICAL and unhappy—you need the church's worship, the church's fellowship, the church's message. It'll make a difference. How about coming over next Sunday morning, with your wife, and Johnny, too. We'll be glad to see you."

"Might do that, Pastor. Maybe you're right!"

The pastor moved on. He had another person he wanted to see. He was humming some words: "Some fell among thorns and was choked—and some fell on good ground and brought forth fruit an hundred fold." Only time would tell.

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I CANNOT GIVE you the gold of truth; I can only tell you where to dig.
—JOHN RUSKIN

FIVE MAKE A FAMILY

SILLY?

"YES," I AGREED, "you may be excused. Just don't get yourselves all dirty again before bedtime."

Pete shoved back his chair in a rattle of silverware. "I still think it's silly," he observed.

"What's silly?" asked his father.

"Making us dress for supper just as if there was company coming and sit here till you finish dessert and everything."

"You'll be glad some day. We want nice manners for the family, too, not just for company."

"Well, if I get myself dirty again after supper, it's not my fault."

"Oh, yes, it is!" I protested. "You can play just as well without getting yourself grimy."

"Sure you can," put in Karen. "Last night I only had to wash my face and hands at bedtime."

"And your teeth," amended Susie.

"Well, sure. Everybody does."

"Not everybody. I knew a boy and he didn't wash his teeth and they turned green and they fell out and he had to get them at the store and they didn't fit."

"You did not!" exclaimed Pete. "You're making it up right this minute!"

"You may all be excused!" This time Dan was emphatic.

AS THEY DASHED OFF, Dan grinned across the table at me. "Are we going to be civilized every night?" he asked. "Oh, I think it's a good idea, all right. I'm just asking for information."

"Well, we may let up now and then, after they get some better habi really they've been getting me dow all that traveling and picnic mea with you away we did a bit of c right here at home. First thing they didn't even want to wash thei or use their forks or sit at the tab than long enough to wolf their foo and Pete especially were just act little animals. Even Karen o That's why I called for a complete when you came home. We were g celebrate your return and keep r celebrating every day after that."

"WELL, I MUST say it was a cha me too. The manners Boy Scout camp are not the best in the wo lieve me!"

"Don't let Pete hear that. He' that was another good reason fo ing the new system."

"Oh, I'll co-operate with you i way. Good manners are import home is the place to learn them wanted to know what the set-up be. To tell the truth, it's a pleasant

"And having the children really up makes our family prayers seem I know God loves them with grin just as we do, but it seems more ful to come to Him looking prese

"I suppose when school star want to go back to having our pr the morning, but over the sumn does work better."

"I think so." I rose and bega ing dishes together. Automatica

ved along. "Don't bother, if you're " I urged. "When those jars didn't this morning, I took it easy, and I lly took a nap with Susie this after- And all that time you were pound- e pavements."

ou forget I've been away! I'm fresh daisy and I couldn't hurry over my if I wanted to—too many people to talk. I've heard so many different nts of the men who preached here we were gone I think I must have gone a year instead of two weeks."

THE TWO WE DIDN'T HEAR were as as the man who preached last Sun- I commented, running hot water the soap powder and stirring the sur- to a froth, "we must have missed hing."

an't tell. One person says they were erful. The next that you couldn't one and the other roared. One told me stories that put the congregation ep, while the same man, according neone else, had real down-to-earth hing that gave you something to go e rest of the week."

guess you have to judge by who is the talking, don't you?"

don't try. I let it go in one ear and ie other. Sorry, Mrs. Melton. This isn't quite clean."

st stick it back in the pan. But what ople have to say about the man we last Sunday? I've been thinking of rmon off and on ever since. What id wasn't really so different from I've heard Pastor Ittel say. He just d to say it more forcefully or some-

aybe the 'or something' is hearing a oice. I wouldn't want to hurt the 's feelings by saying this to anyone ou, but no matter how much you man, hearing him 52 Sundays a year can get a little monotonous. I think a vacation is good not only for the pastor but for the congregation."

"Maybe that's why so many people take their own vacations through the year. You have to go some to find anybody who's in church 52 Sundays a year. Don't bother to dry these pans, I'll do them."

"O.K. Then that finishes my part of the job, I guess. Oh, I don't know. If you look around you'll find a good many who never miss unless they are sick."

"THAT'S TRUE. There's a core of the faithful. Some come from duty, I guess, but more of them really want to come. Then you have the big group of 'now-and-theners.' And I don't think the sermons have anything to do, one way or another, with those folks. They wouldn't come any better if we had the angel Gabriel in the pulpit. They just aren't coming."

"I suppose we could have been like that too, if we hadn't planned the sort of life we wanted for ourselves and our children and definitely counted church in."

"Sure we could. It wasn't easy when we had to take turns when the babies were tiny."

"It isn't exactly easy even now. Maybe they'd put me off the council if I admitted it, but I sometimes envy the folks who send the kids with neighbors."

"Of course, we'd have the children to reckon with now. They expect us to go."

"Oh, I wasn't planning to backslide! Just talking."

"Nice we feel the same about these things, isn't it? Remember how much of the time when we were engaged we spent dreaming about the sort of home we were going to have?"

Dan laughed the sort of laugh most husbands laugh when you remind them they were once engaged. "And now Pete thinks we're silly!"

God and Democracy

People can serve God under any political system. But a soc

which all have equal opportunity seems best according to th

SOME PEOPLE ARE VERY DISTURBED by the fact that the Bible seems to contradict itself. For instance, what could be more uplifting to one's morale than the eighth Psalm: "Thou hast made him (man) little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor." And what could be more deflating than the fifty-third Psalm: "God looked forth from the heavens upon the children of men, to see if there were any that acted wisely, that sought after God. They had all gone astray and all of them had done wrong. There was none that did good, no, not even one!" (*American translation*)

SO ONE PERSON CAN say: "Men are wonderful. Just a little lower than God himself. It says so in the Bible." And another can say: "Men are even worse than the beasts. They lie, cheat, steal, kill. They're unreliable, selfish, cruel. It says so in the Bible."

Contradictory as this sounds, most of us recognize it to be profoundly true. The people who wrote the Bible were much more concerned about being realistic than about being consistent. The Bible gives these very contradictory views of the nature of men because that's what we are—contradictory people, capable of great glory, but capable, too, of utter depravity.

THE KIND OF CREATURES we are is the determining factor in what kind of government we need.

A lot of people have said that men are just about like the fifty-third P scribes them. That's why the o of government that will ever wo in which you have a Strong Ma top, telling everyone else wha That's a very, very old idea. I painfully modern.

THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS can't find much support for tha thinking in the Bible; that is, if the whole Bible and not just p "proof-verse" like a magician rabbit from a hat. One reason is Bible doesn't make any exceptio Bible doesn't claim that the de given by the Psalmist is true on "common man." It is just as tr uncommon man!

In other words, the Bible does that there are individuals who a corruptible and immune to the tions of power that they could under the terrific pressure of hav lute control over everyone else"; course, later on in the New T the Bible does say that through t of Christ within individuals, become much closer to what tended them to be—"a little lo the angels." But whenever a comes that saintly he is able t own weaknesses, and he does absolute power over his fellow

There is another reason, there isn't much support in the a dictatorship. Every single created by God in His Image,

ne value to Him. It is implied on every page, and is said explicitly nesis 1 and in the famous John That means that our government l be so organized as to give each of creatures the fullest possible oppor- to develop into a person that is a little lower than the angels."

e of the requirements for that kind velopment seems to be a sense of sibility, an opportunity to make s. That, evidently, is the reason God created us as creatures of free Certainly He was taking a terrific e. He knew that, being able to e, we wouldn't necessarily choose we might choose evil. But still He that chance, presumably because isn't any other way that a person evelop from a set of automatic re- s into a free, moral creature. A orship doesn't offer much oppor- for that kind of a responsibility— at's putting it very mildly!

THE OPPOSITE END of the political s the idea of democracy. That isn't idea either. But it is being tried under quite different circumstances was in 500 B.C. Some people think e basis for democracy is that every- equal. In a sense, that isn't true. people are very intelligent; others ite stupid. Some are reliable; others most wholly undependable. Some ling to assume their share of work; are lazy. The cleavage is endless. Bible doesn't ignore those differ- But it does insist that, in spite of nfinite varieties among us, we are equal value to God, and *therefore* ought to have equal opportunities atever degree of development we able of achieving. And this oppor- for personal development, particu- rough a sense of responsibility and

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him.

GENESIS 1:27

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained, What is man, that thou art mindful of him . . . ? PSALM 8:3, 4.

Read also verses 5-9. Read Psalm 53, Job 4:18-21, John 3:16.

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an opportunity for free choice, seems to have its greatest possibilities, in a political sense, under a democratic form of government.

THIS IS NOT TO IMPLY that people can't be Christians under any other form of government. On the contrary, it may imply that before a community can make use of a democratic system systematically, its citizens must possess a sufficient sense of responsibility to make it workable.

It is likewise true that under every form of government there have been individuals who have lived radiant, mature Christian lives. But it tends to come in the same category as Paul's advice to the slaves, that we discussed more fully some weeks ago: while Paul gave advice to the slaves on the relevance of their Christian faith to their slavery, certainly none of us (nor Paul either) would recommend slavery as ideal conditions under which the Christian faith should grow.

That same fact tends to be true of our political systems too. Certainly Christians have come into mature faith under any kind of a political system. But so far as we are able to see at this time, it seems that a democratic political set-up should be the most conducive for the development of the Christian life. It is the closest expression of Christian ideals in the political sphere that we have yet been able to conceive.

Personal Problem Clinic

An open church?

QUESTION: Should not the house of God be open at all times for people to go in and pray?

Some time ago I went to our church and prayed. Later I went again, and very soon another person disturbed me and hinted that I came into the church to take something. This occurrence has disturbed me ever since. I don't know whether I should go back to the church for prayer or not. Some of my friends encourage me to go, while others advise against it.

REPLY: It is desirable that the church be open at all times (at least, during the daylight hours) for people to enter for meditation and prayer. This practice is followed by the Roman Catholic churches and by some Protestant congregations. It would be fine if all of them could or would do so. It must be recognized, however, that in some situations, especially where there is a lack of care-taking facilities, it seems difficult or impossible to keep the church open all the time.

Conscious of your worthy purpose, you may feel free to enter the church for prayer at any time it is open. Disregard any remarks. Your relationship is to God. Idle whisperers should find better employment than harassing people who want to pray.

Killing in battle

QUESTION: Last Sunday I was a visitor at an adult Sunday school class. The lesson was based on "Thou shalt not kill." A young man said he had been a front-line officer in the late war, and asked about killing during war. He said that in the heat of battle he did not think about it, but afterward it seemed terrible. He is deeply troubled and seems to feel that pastors condone killing in battle. The teacher was not able to help him.

I spoke to this man's wife later and she told me how deeply troubled her husband is. What answer can be given to help this young man, who has suffered and suffering so much, to find the peace

REPLY: The taking of life is se peace or war. Many a person been through military action has dilemma and has debated the is himself and with others. All hu is sacred and precious, and its de is a matter to worry anyone.

In war time mass anxiety, ar passion rise high. But there is issue at stake. If the nation is against a tyrannical power, is t an international moral question i What is the alternative to defe evil and menacing government? abandon love, loyalty, and ideals our families, homes, churches, na Christian civilization be destroyed then some one—millions of perso take up arms and destroy the thr we hold dear.

Luther declared that killing in a is justified. Many intelligent C have since that time taken the sa Paul asserted that the powers th ordained of God, and that e should be obedient to them (Ro 1-4; Titus 3:1). At the same individual conscience is sacred. vidual will have to see himself in of corporate welfare and action though this may be. Until the na into effect Christian principles i with one another there must means of putting down evil and ing the worthy, or there will be to preserve or maintain.

If one acts for the welfare of t or Christian civilization, but feel ual guilt, he should take the issu confess in penitence any persc which may be involved, bare o ask God to forgive him, and then righteous before God, to live no sight of God and men, and serve God may enlighten him.

—EARL S. RI

About Church Music

Organist and Choirmaster. By Charles L. Etherington. Macmillan. 178 pages. $3.75.

s book has the 'answers to many questions organists and choirmasters invariably choral workshops or church music convocations.

hough written especially with the Anglican church in mind, Etherington (prominent ian organist, choirmaster and composer), covers the field of liturgical church music ractical way so that this book can be a great help to the part-time church musician small town, as well as to those who vith church music in the cities. It also be of interest to the pastors and rians desirous of improving the music r churches.

book is divided into six chapters with sub-headings making it easy to read. rst chapter describes the duties of the st, choirmaster, and choristers. The carefully covers the seasons of the year with each season analyzed so e choice of anthems and hymns can de with greater ease and conformity n Sunday. At the end of the chapter unique insert which took a great t of preparation; a church calendar ree complete tables of Sundays and ays.

third chapter on the "Music of the " will help many who would like to ze the singing of the liturgy in our es. The *singing* method, where the follow the note values, and the *chant*ethod, sometimes referred to as the rhythm style, are carefully discussed, any illustrations. Also included are ions on hymns, hymn tunes, proper g of words, and meter when a subtune is used. The pros and cons of ng processional are discussed. The f the anthem and of organ music is l in general terms (no titles of music given). The author wisely states: a choir has learned to sing the and responses (liturgy) . . . some ay be devoted to the preparation of s."

apter deals with suitable music for rvices as weddings and funerals. Anscusses the organ, the problems which may arise in the purchase of a new one, or the relocation of the old. The location of the console, the electronic organ, choir stalls and the choir room are mentioned along with a fine section on choir vestments. The final chapter on "Choir Etiquette" is most helpful.

FREDERICK A. SNELL
Williamsport, Pa.

Luccock Sermons

Marching Off the Map. By Halford E. Luccock. Harper. 192 pages. $2.50.

Preachers will read this book of sermons with a great deal of satisfaction, for the messages are vital and timely. They are the stimulating products of a keen mind and a loving spirit.

This is the first published collection of Luccock sermons in 28 years. They will be read and studied with interest, inspiration, and profit. In them is to be found the goad of eternal truth set beside the fads and follies of our time.

"We are conscripted into an expedition beyond familiar landmarks, a thrust outward into new and uncharted territory." Thus in the opening paragraph Dr. Luccock sets the theme for the first sermon "Marching Off the Map." A stinging and challenging message is his "Sleeping Through a Revolution." Citing the story of Rip Van Winkle he says, "That is one of the great liabilities of life, is it not, of sleeping through a time of great change, and failing to achieve the new mental attitudes which the new situations and conditions demand?"

Some of the other sermons are "On Trial for Your Life," "Religion—A Toy or a

Power?", "Going Around in Circles," "On Being the Right Size," "Life's Saving Tension," "The Christmas Rush," "I Will Also Ask You a Question," "Trying to Live on Negatives." There is nothing stereotyped about any of them. WILSON P. ARD

Hagerstown, Md.

Love versus Fear

Understanding Fear in Ourselves and Others. By Bonaro W. Overstreet. Harper. 235 pages. $3.

Mrs. Overstreet believes fear to be one of the prime obstacles to happiness for individuals and peace for the world. Her book helps the reader in the recognition of our fears and the understanding of them. After a fine analysis, approximately half of the book is devoted to a discussion of "What We Can Do About It." The suggestions are made in such simple language that they can be used by readers who have had no special training in psychology.

The author writes from the psychologist's viewpoint. She regards her approach as "scientific." Though she does not do so, it is possible for us to summarize the whole work as a discussion of "Perfect love casteth out fear" (I John 4:18).

While it may be possible for us to take joy in the fact that modern scientific inquiry reinforces the ethical positions and implications of Christianity, it seems to this reader that in just the measure in which she has relied on scientific inquiry alone, the author has failed to present a convincing way of deliverance from fear. She would seem to rely on man, reasonable and enlightened to be sure, to deliver his fellow man from fear by acting out of love. Somehow man seems never to be able to achieve that, apart from the constraint and power of God in Christ.

Though Mrs. Overstreet does not dwell upon the Christian position, her analyses and recommendations will be very helpful to the Christian as he implements his Christian faith in his way of life. Things are here written which all of us ought to know.

Denver, Colo. JOHN F. FUTCHS

Living Is an Art

On Living with Yourself. By Ch Crowe. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 192 pag

Here is a delightful book of less t pages. The author has facility of sion. In each of the 18 chapters which begins with "The art of . . . author suggests skills in living the C life. He makes profuse use of illu and statistics, in addition to freq erence to the Scriptures.

The book counteracts some of delusions which people have in gene Christian living. It is a fortunate of what psychology and psychiatry l covered about mental health and Bible has always said about it.

The author emphasizes the need oneself as a basis for living well. He calls upon the church to re-empha power of faith in the control of m matter, rather than leave this resour cults. In a chapter on "The Art of tive" he reminds his readers of the of strife and conflict as a phenom peculiar to our generation. The ch "The Art of Prayer" contains so which should help to clarify the concepts which some people—eve tians—have. The book should pr ulating. CHARLES P. CRE

Louisville, Ky.

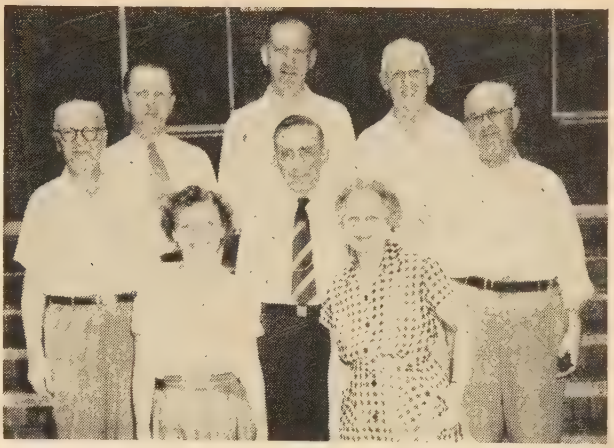
Before Man

Gabriel and the Creatures. By Gera 244 pages. Harper. $3.50.

In this very unusual fantasy, Heard gives a new slant on e Through the Angel Gabriel, who r the Creator of all life, he shows t of animals before man entered.

The purpose of the book is to story of change and specialization i brought about by their surround their habits. Each fable combine and fiction the reason for a ce dividuality in an animal, such as phant's trunk, the whale's size, t underground habitat. RUTH S. S

Springfield, Ohio



'CTING STAFF of the nissionary school con- by the Board of Amer- ssions at Lenoir Rhyne last month are: front ft to right, Norma Judge James F. Hen- and Mrs. Virgil Sease; w, Dr. Paul A. Kirsch, Lawrence Himmelman, l H. Roth, the Rev. lter and the Rev. Arthur dsen. School was one e conducted by BAM he Lutheran," July 30),

H CAROLINA:

ers Select Synod's Newest Mission as Home Mission Project for '53

NNAPOLIS—Delegates to the Luther League convention held in Center Church here July 17-19 selected St. Mark's Church, Lumberton (North Caro- nod's newest mission) as their home mission project for the next year.

a good day to be alive!" the Rev. F. Conrad (Christ Church, Bir- am, Ala.) told the 325 delegates, and pastors. "The whole text of ple is saying it is a good day to be hat today is the day of salvation. om being a time, then, for looking past, it is a time to be looking for- moving onward, marching together ne Christ-given ideal."

rts indicated an unusually successful Statistical reports showed a member- more than 2,458, with two new being added during the year. Total for the year came to $11,858.27, ore than $1,500 going to National ome Mission projects. The budget for the new year came to a total 00.

-elected president was Jeff Norris of ory.

MIDYEAR REPORT, the Rev. E. L. eimer, chairman of the Stewardship Committee of synod, jubilantly reveals that 97 per cent of synod's apportionment due for the first six months had been paid by 150 of the 169 apportioned congregations.

Regular apportionment receipts for the first half year came to a total of $107,085, with 34 congregations giving more than 100 per cent of the amount due. Institutions received $35,414, or more than 91 per cent of half-year apportionment, the report showed.

SPEAKERS AND LEADERS for the annual Summer School for Church Workers scheduled for Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, Aug. 10-16, include: Mrs. Harner R. Middleswarth, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Mabel B. Fenner, Parish and Church School Board; the Rev. Benjamin Lotz, Susquehanna University; the Rev. Harner Middleswarth, Parish and Church School Board; and Dr. M. L. Stirewalt, Sr., Hickory.

THE REV. KIYASHI HIRAI, president of the Lutheran Church of Japan, and a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College and Southern Semi-

nary, is scheduled to speak at an evening session Aug. 14. DR. CLARA SULLIVAN, returned missionary from China, will speak at another evening hour.

SESSIONS for the three-day annual State Women's Missionary Society convention to be held at St. Andrew's Church and Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, will begin on Aug. 23. Speakers include Miss Josephine Darmstaetter, WMS-ULCA; Dr. V. R. Cromer, president of Lenoir Rhyne College; Dr. Clara Sullivan; and Miss Elfriede Hartig, missionary in Canada.

CORNERSTONE for the new Shiloh Church, Hickory, was laid June 22. Assisti Cline Harbinson was Synod Presid Conrad, Pastors Dwight Conrad, B mon and Charles F. Kyles.

A NEW SERVICE CENTER for th forces personnel of eastern North was recently opened in the parish St. Paul's Church in Wilmingto the supervision of the Service Co of the National Lutheran Council Lutheran Church—Missouri Syn three Lutheran churches of the co-operating in the project.

DAVID F.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

Useless Stock Certificates Double as Wall-paper in Home of Pastor

WASHINGTON—To many people the old saying, "I've got so many old less stocks and bonds, I could paper the wall with them," is just that—an old

But to Dr. Robert U. Cooper, Washington surgeon, it's literally the truth! Dr. Cooper's got proof in the second floor hallway of his home on Penn Avenue, S.E.

DR. ROBERT U. Washington, D. C., who doubles as a me bank's board of stands with membe family in an upstair of his home where are papered with stocks and bonds. T ficates were left Dr. C his father, a retired Pennsylvania Synod p Rev. Arthur E. Coop died in 1944

GROUNDBREAKING on June 1 for this
) educational unit, members of Trinity
, Lakewood, Ohio, have eagerly watched
ss on construction. The new building will
e full facilities for children's and youth
pastor's study and conference room

stocks and bonds were all purchased
. Cooper's father, the Rev. Arthur E.
r, who began serving Pennsylvania
congregations nearly half a century
The stocks were purchased by the
man from 88 companies (all of them
) over a period of 30 years. He left
orthless paper to his son.

hen we finished papering our upstairs
ith father's stocks," Dr. Cooper told
hen recently "there were enough left
o paper my den but my wife put her
own!

Father was on the sucker list of every fly-
night organization in the country, but he
er learned. He kept right on buying up
his death in 1944."

ause of his father's experience with
ess stocks the Washington surgeon has
up finance as a hobby (he's a member
board of directors of the Anacostia
al Bank) and has published a book
ments for Professional People. In it
ers advice on how to make the most
estment possibilities.

doctor-surgeon hopes that the special
aper" and the experience his father
ith unwise investments will serve as a
to his three children—Bob (11),
(9), and Billyike (10) (*see cut te*).

R. T. S.

VALUE RECEIVED

story of the week

ABOUT 35 YEARS AGO, a young Chinese mother living in Peiping, China, heard for the first time about a Man called Christ. So intense was her zeal and interest that she did her best to convince everyone around her that they should investigate Jesus, too.

Although she did most of her "missionary" work among her immediate friends of her own age, she didn't overlook her own family. Her young son, just about old enough to begin to know his own mind, was a bit slow in "taking" to Christianity, but through his mother's gentle prodding, began attending Truth Hall, a boys' school in Peiping, owned and operated by the Presbyterian Church.

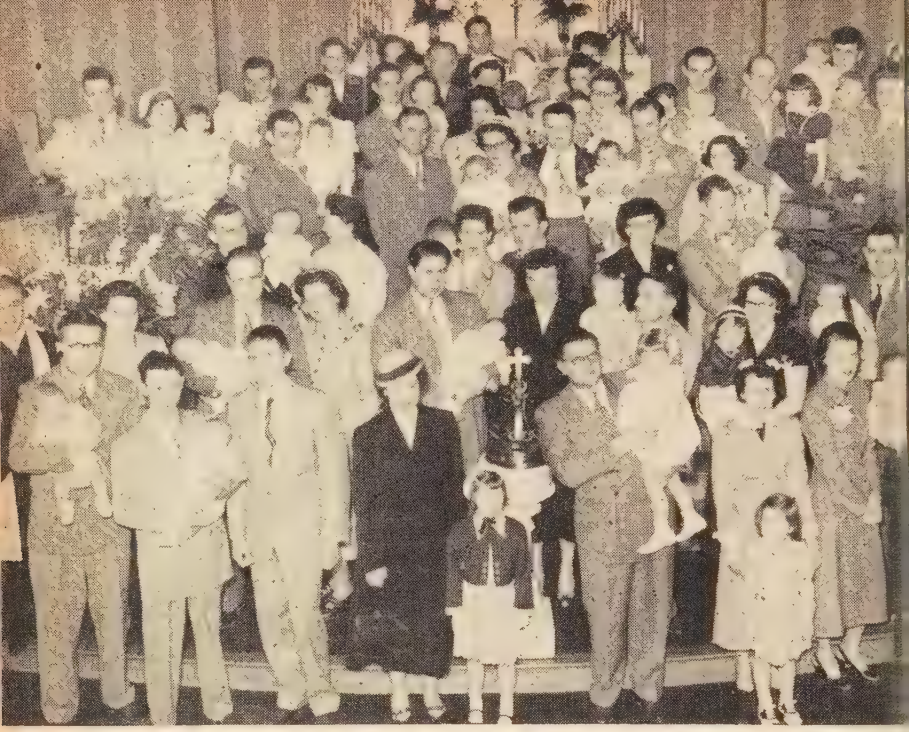
Although time and the fortunes of war and peace took their toll, the young Chinese lad grew up clinging to his faith. Even after he arrived in the United States and established himself in a small business in New York City, he never forgot all that his education at Truth Hall had meant to him, nor the patient and kindly help the Presbyterian missionaries had given him.

Although his American business prospered it had no effect on the Chinaman's faith, nor did it dent his sense of gratitude. One day a glance at his bankbook encouraged him to start selecting some means of saying "thank you" to his Presbyterian benefactors.

RECENTLY, the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions dedicated Westminster Gardens, a home for retired missionaries in Duarte, Calif. Residents must have spent at least 35 years in foreign Christian work.

Where did the money to purchase the lot (27 acres) and build the spacious and comfortable home come from?

From a Chinese businessman who believes the education he received at the Presbyterian Church's Truth Hall in Peiping was worth at least the $1,000,000 he gave the Board of Foreign Missions to build Westminster Gardens. —DICK SUTCLIFFE



THIRTY-EIGHT babies (count 'em!) were baptized at First English Church, Mansfield. Pastors Carveth Mitchell (left) and Ellsworth Campbell (right) earlier this year. Since additional baptism has been marked up in anticipation of bettering the 1951 record c in Ohio Synod's largest ULCA church. Last year there were 89 baptisms recorded

CALIFORNIA:

Missouri Building Pacific Coast's First Lutheran High School in LA

LOS ANGELES—The first Lutheran High School on the Pacific Coast process of construction in Los Angeles. Cornerstone was laid recently for piant ultimately to cost about $500,000. It is hoped that the school will ope second term early in 1953.

The school is being built by Missouri Synod congregations and will be one of the most modern schools in the nation as far as equipment and furnishings are concerned. It will be a three-year high school with a large gymnasium and social center for area Lutheran activities as well as school functions. Architect for the school is Robert R. Inslee, active ULCA layman from Glendale.

CALIFORNIA Lutheran Hospital recently "capped" 21 young women. Th ceremony took place at Faith (MoS Los Angeles.

Appeal Director Paul Valentir that cash and pledges received as amounted to $168,000 for the Pa nary appeal of synod. Many cor will sponsor the funding program with Director Valentiner staying c these congregations.

DR. W. W. KLOVER was instal of St. Paul's Church, Santa Monic

Rev. H. Paul Romeis, assisted by the
ul Wharton.

GE CHURCH, Westwood, has enlisted
er of the movie colony in its effort
funds for a Youth Center. One of
ent fund-raising programs had as-
from such stars as Harold Lloyd,
Keaton, Martin and Lewis, Eddie
and Mona Freeman.

ENGLISH CHURCH, Los Angeles, has
rrangements for broadcast of its 9:30
worship over Radio Station KBLA.

CTOR JOHN FOERSTER, Camp Yolijwa,
ted a new manual for the specific use
iselors at camp this summer. Al-
there are a number of similar man-
s is thought to be the first one pre-
ecifically for Lutheran camps. Camp
is enjoying its largest registration.

D is planning to engage a bus to take
number of its pastors to the ULCA
ion in Seattle in October.

HOWARD L. LOGAN

Warren W. Pechman lays cornerstone
nuel Church, Wilhelmina, Ore. Since
congregation and pastor have fol-
osely progress of building, since it is
e that the dedication can take place
er, perhaps even during the ULCA
n. The church was designed by Nor-
sell, Philadelphia, will cost $35,000

—HOME MISSIONS—

CALIFORNIA: Pastor J. Emory Ackerman, Transfiguration Church, Los Angeles, has resigned to accept a teaching position at Midland College in the field of Christianity and philosophy.

OHIO: The second mission to be organized in the Mansfield area in six years will soon be a reality. Pastor Stephen Wise, recent Chicago Seminary graduate, has arrived in Lincoln Heights to take over work begun by Synod Missionary Superintendent Albert H. Buhl, who started work in the area early this year. The synodical board of home missions is puchasing a parsonage.

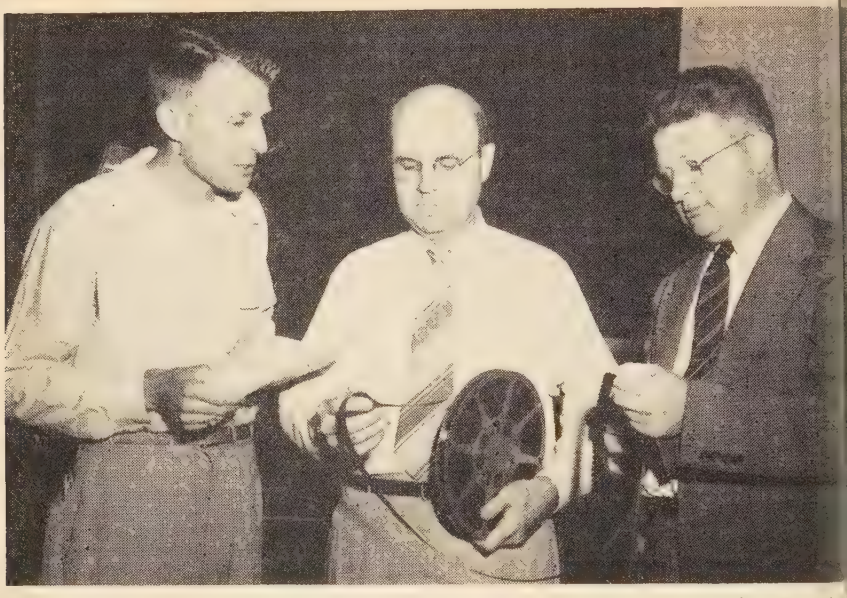
CALIFORNIA: Pastor Dwight Miley, First English Church, San Francisco, has resigned to accept an appointment as chaplain for the Veterans Administration, will be assigned to a Midwest hospital.

ILLINOIS: Work is progressing on a survey of the Lombard community near Chicago as a possible new ULCA mission. In charge is Mission Developer Robert Hooker. (See Illinois news, page 42.)

CALIFORNIA: Rev. Louis Gray who developed and organized Messiah Church, Redwood City, has now moved on to Mountain View, where he will develop a new mission. Edward R. Andersen, senior at Pacific Seminary this fall, is developing a new mission at Orinda. The Rev. Stanley Olson is organizing a new mission at Yuma, Ariz. The Rev. William Stremel is developing a new mission at Concord. The Rev. Franklin Schott from the Pittsburgh Synod is starting a new mission at Phoenix, Ariz.

OHIO: Roselawn Church, Cincinnati, broke ground for a new building June 29. For the past eight years, the congregation has been worshiping in a remodeled clubhouse. The unit is expected to cost $117,000 and be ready for occupancy early next summer.

CALIFORNIA: Members of Salem Church, Whittier, recently dedicated another addition to their church to be used for the expanding Sunday school.



EXAMINING first prints of the Board of Foreign Mission's new Liberian film, "Land
Waters," are BFM Promotional Secretary Herman L. Gilbert (center), Liberian Missionar
Lindemann (left) and Pastor Willard H. Borchers of Dayton, Ohio, a member of the Ohi
Committee on Summer Schools. One of first showings of new moving picture occurred
Synod's Lakeside camp last month. Response from the world "premiere" audience was "f

OHIO:

"Let's Have 50 Stewardship Secretaries in Ohio Synod"—Leipsic Pa

COLUMBUS—When the Ohio synodical stewardship committee's request fo
time lay stewardship secretary was deferred by the synodical convention for
study, Chairman Elmer A. Lehman of Leipsic led his committee to develop a
approach in stewardship promotion. "Instead of one full-time leader, let's ha
Stewardship Secretaries for the Synod of Ohio,' " he said.

By mid-September there will be fifty stewardhsip secretaries operating!

When the committee said they could furnish that many interested laymen, the synodical convention last May countered with "Count the pastors in on this, too."

The synodical territory will be organized so that laymen will be ready to help each congregation. Four conferences will be divided into districts, two laymen assigned to each.

A training session in mid-September will be directed by Chairman Lehman and possible areas of help outlined where
ship may be strengthened. Cong
have been posted to plan ways of
stewardship volunteers.

Seeking the answer not only to
of stewardship, but also to the best
leadership in other areas of synod
a comprehensive study committee o
cal offices has been appointed con
Dr. Cyrus M. Wallick, Dayton; Dr.
C. Stoughton, Springfield; Pastor C
coll, Dover; Dr. D. Bruce Young

n Bischoff, Toledo; Dr. Fred C. Wieg-
kron, and Ford P. Agey, Youngstown.
LER'S CHURCH, near Miamisburg,
ed a $6,000 one-room parish hall
n to their single-room church on
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t Akron's Trinity Church, Pastors Fred Wiegman and Theodore A. Youngquist e been directing the raising of funds in Shepherd of Youth Building Drive." After e weeks of solicitation $210,000 had n raised in pledges and contributions ard a $300,000 goal. The education ding will be limited to funds raised—no re indebtedness will be incurred.

ity Church, Ashland, will be served ie Sept. 1 by Pastor Nathan F. R.
Members have raised $16,000 to-
he purchase of an adjoining building
storation of the exterior.

her use of summer months for church
ng is being made by St. John's, Zanes-
here 48 members began on Aug. 3 to
50,000 to clean up indebtedness of the
hall erected in 1950, before the Sep-
celebration of the 25th anniversary
dedication of the church.

R HAMMA SENIORS are serving in Ohio
s this summer. Robert Harter is at
Tiffin, assisting Dr. Wayne O. Kantner
ORGE L. BILLMAN is serving at Stetler's,
burg . . . HAROLD L. FIGLEY is serv-
mission group at Wilmington spon-
by the synodical board of home mis-
. . GEORGE BUSH is serving at Cass-
RECENT ADDITIONS to the synodical
. STEPHEN BREMER of Elgin, Ill.,
as associate to Glenwood, Toledo,

where he was installed June 22 . . . A. G. RIGGLE, Northwest Synod and a former army chaplain, called to the Pleasant City parish . . . FRANK H. JOGWICK, Hamma graduate ordained by West Virginia Synod, installed June 1 as assistant at Grace, Dover . . . PAUL B. MCKORMACK, Indianapolis, called as assistant at First English, Columbus . . . LESTER L. SLAGLE, Chicago Seminary graduate, called to Divinity, Toledo.

THE REV. E. ELLSWORTH CAMPBELL has left his assistantship at First, Mansfield, June 29, to accept a navy chaplaincy, is now stationed at Newport, Rhode Island . . . DR. H. C. GETTER has resigned the Ada parish effective Sept. 1, to enter retirement.

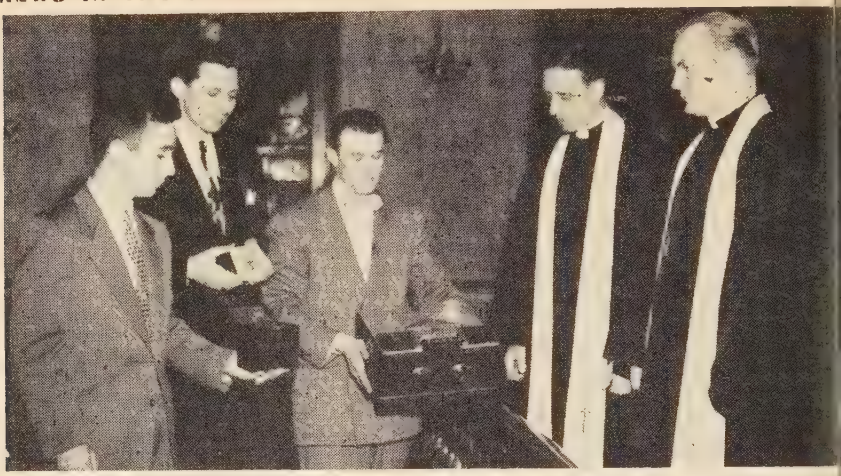
A $9,228 LEGACY from Mrs. Etta Hasenzohl recently received by First, Mansfield, has been designated for the congregation's "Expansion Fund" . . . ST. JOHN'S, DAYTON, has received a memorial baptismal bowl and altar vases . . . EMMANUEL, Germantown, recently received $100 for altar paraments as a memorial.

GRACE CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD, has established a Blood Bank Service for its members. "The Cross is still firm," says Pastor Anton L. Anderson.

The largest daily vacation Bible school in Ohio was directed by Dr. Wayne O. Kantner, at First, Tiffin, where 240 children enrolled, taught by a staff of 33. Average attendance was 227. Pastor Kantner has developed an unusual program of instruction in arts and crafts. Materials costing over $250 are underwritten by the Sunday school, now the largest in Tiffin.

E. RUDOLPH WALBORN

TLE CHURCH WITHIN A CHURCH" is being tried out at Epiphany Church, Milwaukee, hanks to an idea of Kindergarten Teacher Delores Klatt. Inside the miniature church, dren learn to act like grown-ups, acquiring the rudiments of church behavior and decorum. officials point out the idea also helps some classes face the problem of class privacy



WHEN A SON of St. John's Church, Jersey City, N. J., the Rev. Herman Meiburg was Holy Trinity Church, Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., members of his home congregation pres with a private communion set, a tape recorder and a gold cross (for his wife). Left Councilmen Robert Deichert, Edgar Tis and William Harting, Pastors Meiburg and Ha

WEST VIRGINIA:

Special Synodical Convention Called to Discuss W.Va.U. Student Ce

HUNTINGTON—The executive committee of synod has directed Synod Wade H. Koons to call a special convention of synod for the purpose of discu proposed Student Center for West Virginia University at Morgantown. Sess be held in St. Paul's Church Sept. 30, will start at 1:00 P.M.

Notice of the special convention has been distributed by President Koons to all pastors of synod.

"All pastors are expected to be present," wrote the synod president, "and each parish of synod should have a lay delegate present. (Since lay delegates are elected in some parishes at the annual congregational meeting, those who were so elected for the 40th annual convention of the Synod of West Virginia, may represent their parishes at the special convention). Lay delegates elected to serve at the next session of Conference may serve as lay delegates at this special convention of synod."

President Koons reminded pastors that "no business (will) be transacted at the special meeting except that specified in the call and presented by the executive committe gates' credential blanks are to be re the secretary of synod *before* Sept.

HAROLD

ILLINOIS:

Conventions, Camps Hold Sp Lombard Area Surveyed by H

CHICAGO—Conventions and were in the spotlight last month i Luther Leaguers met at St. James Vandalia, July 25-27, boosted at to the highest convention mark years. Theme, "The Holy Confi the subject of Bible study and co speakers, who included Dr. R. H president of Wartburg Synod; M

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uther League of America; the Rev. n Hover and Dr. Harold Lentz, ent of Carthage College.

light of the business sessions was the cement that the Leaguers had at- their full quota of $1,200 for their s project in one year instead of the time of two years. The Leagues ly voted to assume an additional mis- oject for the second year.

n Habermann of Steeleville was president and, together with other elected and appointed, was installed.

PING in the Chicago Conference has record breaking figures. Long Lake campers the first week, 109 the sec- d 122 the third week. In addition vere 61 staff members participating. st night of the second week an elec- torm disrupted activities for one eve- One large tree crashed into a tent, one was injured. East Bay Camp in Central Conference had 90 campers enrolled.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, Chicago, went over the top in its $100,000 drive for funds to erect a new church edifice.

> Mission Developer Robert Hooker reports that the canvass in Lombard near Chicago is most encouraging. He anticipates that this will be the largest nucleus for a mission congregation in recent years.

CHICAGO CHURCHES are planning a Reformation Rally on Nov. 2 with Dr. Franklin Clark Fry as speaker.

THE LUTHERAN COUNCIL of Greater Chicago is calling a full-time man to head up its work; he's Clifford E. Dahlin, until recently the Lutheran World Relief representative on the administrative board of CROP. Office space had been made available at the Social Missions Society. One of the first projects to be undertaken by the group is a newspaper or magazine for Chicago Lutheranism.

CLYDE G. STEELE

SYLVANIA:

Gettysburg Assembly for Church Workers Attracts Over 150

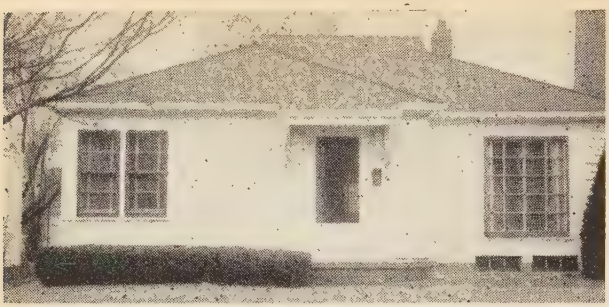
RK—Over 150 persons—100 resident students and over 50 day students— ed the first annual Gettysburg Assembly for Church Workers held last month tysburg College. The week-long assembly was a project of the Committee on an Education of synod.

rses in leadership training, work- Bible study and a variety of fel- p programs were led by outstanding of the United Lutheran Church the synod. ULCA Board execu- aching courses were Miss Josephine taetter, Women's Missionary So- he Rev. F. Leslie Conrad, execu- cretary, Luther League of Amer- e Rev. Harold C. Letts, secretary cial Action, ULCA Board of So- issions; and Dr. S. White Rhyne, and Church School Board.

rs and lay church workers teaching r. Walden M. Holl, Johnstown; Dr. Swenson, Harrisburg; the Rev. Paul er, York; Dr. Edward T. Horn, III, Philadelphia; Mrs. S. White Rhyne and Mrs. J. W. Gouker, both of Philadelphia; and Robert S. Clippinger, choirmaster, Gettysburg Seminary.

The Bible study period introducing the morning classes was led by Dr. Harvey D. Hoover, retiring professor of Gettysburg Seminary. Members of the faculty led sunset vespers each evening on the steps of the SCA building.

On Friday evening and Saturday morning men of neighboring congregations shared in a program based on the theme "The Layman's Work in the Local Congregation," led by Richard T. Sutcliffe, Philadelphia, assistant editor of THE LUTHERAN, and Harold U. Landis, president of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement.



MEMBERS of Re
(mission) Church,
Kansas, recently purc
parsonage for Pastor
O. Scherch, promp
plans to buy lot for
tion of a church. The
structure cost $16,35

THE YORK DISTRICT Luther League convention will be held Aug. 29-Sept. 1 at Camp Cann-edi-on with the Rev. George E. Whetstone and the Rev. Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., as speakers.

THE REV. LAWRENCE M. REESE, staff member of the Parish and Church School Board, will be in conference for Bible Teaching Conferences: Sept. 19, St. Paul's, Hanover; Nov. 3, St. John's, Mercersburg; Nov. 4, Memorial, Shippensburg; Nov. 7, St. Peter's, York; Nov. 8, Christ, Gettysburg.

Members of the four missionary societies of the Felton parish had voted to purchase a slide projector for use in the parish when they heard of an appeal by the Rev. Samuel Schmitthenner, missionary to India. The women promptly voted to send their new machine to the mission field where over 950 mission school boys and girls will benefit.

STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOPS will be held Sept. 30 for the Cumberland District at Carlisle; Oct. 1, York District, Christ, Dallastown; Adams District, Oct. 2, St. James, Gettysburg. Meetings begin at 6:3

ZION CHURCH, Glen Rock, plan
Sunday school annex.

THE REV. KENNETH CHARLES SE
of St. Jacob's Church, Brodbecks,
pastor at Redwood City, Calif. He
dained by the California Synod thi

THE REV. WALLACE FISHER, p
Christ Church, Gettysburg, has ac
call to Trinity Church, Lancaster,
succeeds Dr. Henry Bagger, effecti
1, 1952. PAUL LEV

MARYLAND:

Men Build Three Camp Cabin
Knauff Named Conference Pr

BALTIMORE—Pastors, laymen a
from nine Baltimore churches bu
cabins at Jolly Acres Youth C
twelve days recently and saved th
more Inner Mission Society $5

WHEN the ULCA Pension Board's oldest charge, Mrs. Margaret Strempher recently celebrated her centennial birthday, visitors at her home were Rocky Mountain Synod President John Futchs (left) and Denver (Messiah) Pastor Lyle Burns. Mrs. Strempher is the widow of the late Pastor John Strempher, who served 50 years in the ministry prior to his death in 1934

from John Eliot Mohican Bible, first one
d in America, has been added to Midland
e library of biblical literature. It came
ne of 100 Bibles printed in Colonial times
hican language. Here Professor Herman
estad, chairman of college's library com-
shows rarity to Joanne Hirz, Midland
from Northboro, Iowa

Three cabins, built of redwood sid-
nd completely screened for under-
eged children and youth campers,
erected under the supervision of
r-boss-carpenter Harry V. Krug, of
church. Over $3,000 in materials
into the cabins. 21 pastors and 2
erial students contributed 78 days
or, 59 laymen provided 118 days
or, 15 boys gave 15 days of labor
women put in 20 days of work in
tchen to feed hungry men.

Jolly Acres Youth Camp, sponsored
e Lutheran Ministers' Conference of
ore, is accommodating 75 senior and
ediate girls and boys August 17-23.
Richard L. Ehrhart is registrar; Pas-
land A. Ries, camp director.

ly elected officers of the Ministers'
rence are: president, Walter F. Knauff;
esident, Frederick J. Eckert; secretary,
y S. Wasser; treasurer, Warren L.

JOHN'S CHURCH, Brooklyn, honored
I. Wilson Kepner on the 25th anni-
y of his pastorate in a surprise recep-
tion June 11. Pastor and Mrs. Kepner received a television set as a token of a grateful congregation's "appreciation of a quarter of a century of a fruitful ministry."

ST. MARK'S — INCARNATION, Washington, observed its 65th anniversary June 15.

PRESIDENT HARRY F. BAUGHMAN met with Baltimore pastors June 20 to solicit furnished rooms for Gettysburg Seminary's new dormitory ready for occupancy Sept. 15.

DR. ELWOOD BOWMAN was a Board of American Missions official visitor to Baltimore and Washington home mission congregations and prospective mission fields June 30 and July 1.

THE REV. JAMES L. SHEALY, Chilhowie, Va., assumed his duties as case worker for Baltimore Inner Mission Society July 1.

SYNOD PRESIDENT FRANK FIFE installed PHILIP S. LAMBDIN assistant pastor of St. Luke, Silver Spring, July 27.

PASTOR JOHN W. EASTLACK, formerly of Grace Church, Casper, Wyoming, began work as board missionary in the Baltimore Wilkins Ave. extended area Aug. 15.

PASTOR RAYMOND M. MILLER concluded a

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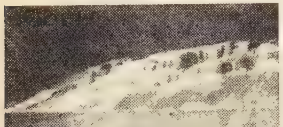

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CONTRIBUTORY PEN PLAN AMENDMENTS

The Article dealing with Amend the Contributory Pension Plan requ any amendment to said plan must lished in three issues of the offici organ at least thirty days prior to eral convention at which action th taken.

Notice is herewith given to th that the following amendments wi mitted to the Seattle Conventio Board of Pensions and Relief:

1. That the words "and Relief" be from the Constitution of the Con Pension Plan, Article I, Definitions that the amended Constitution of tributory Pension Plan, Article I, D (b) will read "The term *Pension Bo* mean the Board of Pensions of th Lutheran Church in America."

2. That *Article IV, Congregation butions,* be amended to read as (Any part of the present Constituti deleted has been put in parenthesis, new material is italicized.)

"*ARTICLE IV.*
"*CONGREGATION CONTRIBUT*

"Each congregation served by a shall contribute an amount equiv *eight* per cent of the salary of such (However, during the first year of th tion of the Contributory Pension I congregation contribution shall be cent; during the second year, three and thereafter, four per cent.) Suc butions shall be items of current and not of benevolence.

"All such congregation contributi be subject to a deduction by the Board of not to exceed one-eighth *o four per cent* thereof toward the ex administering the Contributory Plan, and a further deduction of n ceed one-eighth *of the first four* thereof for the contingent fund. ance of each such congregation

hall be credited to the individual ac- of the member serving such congre- and shall be increased by the interest thereon. In the event that a congre- served by a member does not contri- s hereinbefore provided, then one-half amounts which would otherwise have educted from the congregation contri- s for administrative expenses and for ntingent Fund, shall be deducted from nember's contributions."

first amendment is a recommendation Board of Pensions alone. The second ment is a joint recommendation by oard of Pensions and the Executive of The United Lutheran Church in ca.

THOMAS L. CLINE,
Executive Secretary,
The Board of Pensions

CEASED

D. Brown

Pleasant David Brown, pastor of St. Church, Salisbury, N. C., and former er of the executive board of the United an Church in America, died Aug. 5. s 65.

n in Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 26, 1886, as educated at Crescent Academy, ke College and Philadelphia Seminary. Following ordination, he became pastor of Emmanuel Church, High Point, N. C. (1913-21), Ebenezer Church, Columbia, S. C. (1921-39), St. John's, Salisbury (1939-1952).

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He was president of the South Carolina Synod between 1933 and 1935; served on the Parish and Church School Board from 1928 through 1940; was a member of the Inner Missions Board from 1930 through 1940 and served as a ULCA commissioner to the National Lutheran Council d 1938-48 decade. He was a membe ULCA's executive board between 1950.

He authored *The Christian Hom* day school elective text for the Pa Church School Board.

Newberry College conferred the degree of doctor of divinity on him He served as chaplain of the Clevel vention of the United Lutheran C 1946.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Adelle Bodenhorn Brown; a son, R Brown, of St. Louis, Mo.; three d Mrs. D. K. Sturkie, Columbia, S. Sterling H. Whitener, Linhsiang, C Mrs. Paul W. Carter, Salisbury, N.

The funeral service was conduct John's Church, Salisbury, Aug. 5.

Mrs. Charles L. T. Fisher

Mrs. Mary Horner Fisher, wido late Rev. Charles Lee Thornton Fis in Lynchburg, Va., July 18. Sh have been 90 in two weeks.

Born July 31, 1862, she was edu McClellans School in Gettysburg, Maryland College for Women, Lu Md. Following her marriage in 1 served with her husband as home aries in Nebraska. Later she was "fi of Mont Amoena Seminary, Mi ant, N. C., when her husband beca ident, and was with him when he president of Elizabeth College, in C N. C. Following Pastor Fisher's re in 1927, they returned to Lynchbur

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. J Stall of Lynchburg, Va.; a son, H Fisher, Florida.

The funeral service was conducte in Lynchburg.

Dr. Ernest Heyd

Dr. Ernest Heyd, pastor emeritus Church, Rochester, N. Y., died July was 80.

Born Sept. 12, 1871, he was edu Wagner College and Philadelphia S

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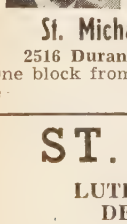

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v York, served pastorates in Albany,
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ent in 1945. He was pastor of Zion
, Rochester, for 45 years.
iving is his wife, Mrs. Rose Suter

funeral service was conducted at
Church, Rochester, by Pastors Fred-
V. Grunst, William Trebert, and Louis
lder. Burial was in Rochester.

George A. Martin

Rev. George Alfred Martin, pastor
Paul's Church, Eggertsville, N. Y.,
ly 29, 1952. He was 49.
Nov. 16, 1902, Pastor Martin was
ted from Susquehanna University and
ry and was ordained by the Susque-
Synod in 1928. He served subse-
in Blasdell, N. Y.; Bayside West,
Detroit, Mich.; and Eggertsville. He
as vice president of the Michigan
in 1942.
iving are his wife, Mrs. Dorcas Riggle
, a son and two daughters.
funeral service was conducted Aug.
. Paul's Church, Eggertsville, by the
Hermann B. Miller assisted by the
lbert P. Schilke.

C. Michael

Harry C. Michael, retired pastor of the Central Pennsylvania Synod, died in the National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C., July 23. He was 79.

Born December 28, 1872, he was graduated from Susquehanna University in 1896 and from Selinsgrove Seminary in 1899. Following ordination he served pastorates in Northumberland (10 years), Wilmerding (seven years) and Moxham, Pa. (26 years). Susquehanna University conferred the honorary degree of doctor of divinity on him in 1918. In 1950, his synod honored him as a senior member. He retired Oct. 1, 1942.

The funeral service was conducted July 26 at St. John's Church, Northumberland, by Dr. Luke H. Rhoads.

CALENDAR

Women's Missionary Society convention, South Carolina Synod. St. John's Church, Spartanburg

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In Conclusion

MY GRANDPARENTS had a big old Victorian house set on a large, tree-shaded lot in a suburban town on Long Island. It was always quiet. Only adults lived there and when we grandchildren came to visit we were duly cautioned to subdue our voices.

The voice of authority in that house was my grandfather's. No one would question his opinion or dispute his statements. When he felt that the grandchildren were faltering in their devotion to ancestral customs, he would say *"Hier wird nur Deutsch gesprochen."* Then we would have to struggle with our weird form of German to please him.

One day a new and strange voice came into that house. It was a phonograph—I think they called it a "gramophone." Its trumpetlike horn poked out amid the staid furniture and knicknacks of the parlor. Over and over again "Cohen on the Telephone," "What Killed the Cat?" and John McCormack shrilling "Mother Machree" sounded what must have seemed to our elders like a jarring note.

YEARS AGO the only voices heard in our houses were those of the family. The parents usually had the voice of authority and frequently even that last word.

First the telephone, then the phonograph, then radio and now television have changed all that. Unbidden, strange voices enter our homes. Children are influenced not only by their parents, but by Howdy and Hoppy and Uncle Miltie. Parental exhortations to brush their teeth may or may not be heeded; but if Howdy begins to advertise toothpaste, toothbrushing becomes a privilege!

Gravest danger from all the voices that clamor around us is that they may crowd out the one urgently important voice, that of God. In the silence of th Samuel heard that voice call to Moses, it came from a burning desert place. But when it came the noisy crowd couldn't hea Some said it was an angel speaki thought it thundered!

Whenever the clamor of the comes too loud, we aren't abl We miss the important thing we're involved in the trivial. among those who "have ears to they hear not."

NOTHING SHOULD INTERFERE opportunity to hear God—at c our devotions, when we pray. ment of silence may bring us that unlocks the gates of eternit

In the play *Saint Joan*, G. B. Joan of Arc stand before Kin of France, telling him of the has heard.

"Oh, your voices, your vo claims the King. "Why don't y come to me? I'm king, not you

"They do come to you," respo "But you don't hear them. You sat in the field in the evening lis them. When the angelus rings, yourself and have done with it; prayed from your heart and l the thrilling of the bells in the they stop ringing, you would voices as well as I do."

God's voice comes clearly ev if we but listen. It may even c the radio or TV set, through th of some spokesman for His king most likely it will come to us in minutes when we are reading or praying, or joining with o Christians in reverent worship.

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